

Minutes of Meeting - March 8, 2007
Red Dragon, Cortland
Host is Kellogg NAPA

Meeting called to order by Peg Gilbert

Secretary Report: Minutes of February meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Report to follow next month.

The CNY Rodeo is scheduled for May 19, at the Sandy Creek Fair Grounds. The deadline to sign up is May 4.

Discussion:

- < Update: Mike Janish is recovering at Mt Sinai. Cards may be sent to his home address or Cicero North Syracuse CSD, Transportation Department.
- < DMV 19-A Audits are being done. Cincinnatus had two days notice- good audit. Homer had two-day notice - Physical lacking hearing test name and use of pencil instead of pen on one form overall a good audit. Physicals seem to be the biggest areas of question.
- < Judy Clarke asked for policy or procedures on video camera use and who can view. North Syracuse - parents may not view. ESM only driver or administration. Cincinnatus Parent may view if isolated to own child. Homer Parent may view. Dryden, school board member, Jeff Bradley stated no known issues with viewing as it is safety related. Please forward policy or procedure to Judy Clarke, FM School District.
- < Charter trips - Concerns over late notification to allow adequate time for curbside checks and vehicle inspection. Recently a Pennsylvania based charter was used. Best is to contact Joe Scesny-DOT in Albany for complete information on charter companies from outside of NY who operate in NYS.
- < Compliance with DOT hours of operation. Any time there is a question of being over 15 hours on duty, two drivers may be used. Drivers returning late from evening trips should have a sub for their morning route. This will help meet the required 8 hours off before returning to duty, personal leave or sick leave may be used check your district policy. Some districts attach letter with trips expected to exceed the 15 hour limit, removing the driver from duty for at least two hours to comply with hours on duty.
- < Teams traveling to distant locations, for late evening games is creating difficulty with late return and drivers may need to have a sub in the morning.

Operation Safe Stop is scheduled for March 22, this will be enforcement day. Location for the media event will be provided later.

Jim Ellis and Judy Clarke are planning an SBDI class for June 25 to June 29. The location will be announced at a later date. A flyer will be available with details.

Old Business:

Phoenix has experienced fuel issues, with clogged filters. Changed all filters. Inconsistent fuel supplies with unknown additives and fuel cut may be culprit.

Discussion of the inconsistent procedures on the Road Tests.

- < 19-A Examiners accompanying drivers are asked to leave the bus. One waited outside on a very cold day and another in the rain.
- < It was suggested to write a letter to cite Licensed Examiners conducting the test are on their cell phone discussing personal business during the road test.
- < Request clarification of accepted procedure for school buses to enter a four-lane road from a two lane.
- < Clarification of proper procedures for school buses turning left. Should school buses stay back or enter into the intersection. Some examiners say it is wrong to pull up. Others say it is wrong to stay back. Drivers only want to do what is correct.

Round Table:

Jim Ellis - DMV will be meeting with doctors to review physical examinations. Building project passed at Moravia including new garage.

Homer - Rich reported passing of Ray Dunham, Head Mechanic

Cortland - Sheila, reported Ray Sherman passing.

Bruce - Monday, students were held three hours due to the bad weather. All arrived home safe. There were many calls and a few parents picked up their children.

Solvay - Things are fine. This is first year, no regrets, but dispatcher to supervisor was an eye opener.

Cazenovia - All is good, but we have high snow banks.

ESM - The transportation center will be extensively renovated. We have to be out by May 1, everything has to be removed. We will be in a trailer and we are looking at locations for the garage staff and buses. It is sure to be interesting.

Cincinnati - Spent two years in a trailer but it will be worth the inconvenience.

Motion to adjourn. Sheila 2nd.

Thanks to Joyce McMaster for doing the minutes for me this week!!

The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 18th at The Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville, sponsored by Bus Parts Warehouse.