

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:08 a.m. by V. President Chuck Paquette in the absence of President Matt Conti. Chuck asked for someone to take minutes in the absence of Peg Gilbert (Secretary), Tim Durham volunteered.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Chuck Paquette.

Motion was made by Carol Hawks & seconded by Dave Deuel to dispense with the regular agenda and move to a presentation given by Bob Peters. (Efficiency in School Transportation). Comments & discussion followed.

Rich Dennison - infrastructure that doesn't exist, huge cost to the State.

Ted - A whole new staff would have to be created. Look at history of BOCES to see if there was any past success.

Al - This would be a safety problem for people that move from bus to bus.

Nancy - There is a reason why BOCES doesn't have a big fleet anymore. Surrounding neighbors would be great.

Chuck - Shared services would be good as long as it was user friendly.

Dave - A lot of money in parts that would need to be stored.

At 10:30 a.m. meeting was turned over to Special Guests from the D.M.V., Earl Tuttle & Steve Green. Topics covered were as follows:

- a. Off site record keeping. This cuts down on the travel and expenses by the State.
- b. # 1 problem found during the audits are with the physicals.
- c. Eileen Wolk is the contact person for the Online System
- d. The drop files must be kept for 4 years.
- e. Any final report on audits MUST be signed of and validated now by Earl Tuttle.
- f. All files must have 3 years PLUS current year in 19 - A files now.
- g. Any company or District that gets a hearing is automatically put on a 1-year audit cycle.
- h. D.M.V. will accept D.O.T. & 19 - A physical forms in files.
- i. The new direct phone number to Testing & Investigation is 315 - 477 - 7317.

V. President Paquette thanked Earl Tuttle & Steve Green for their presentation at today's meeting. Meeting was turned back over to Bob Peters at 11:03 to resume his presentation.

The members present agreed that Bob's presentation was beneficial to the chapter.

Motion was made by Carol Hawk's & seconded by Luther Everson to resume the regular meeting agenda. V. President Paquette thanked Tim Durham & A&E Transport for providing lunch today, and thanked the Chapter for providing the breakfast. He also thanked Pat Bailey & the S.C.S.D. for providing their facility for the meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES – Correction to last months meeting to correct Carol Hawk’s last name. Motion to accept the minutes made by Nancy Wescott & seconded by Bob Peters. (Carried)

TREASURERS REPORT – James asked to table the report till next meeting as he has receipts that have not been reconciled. Motion by Luther Everson & seconded by Carol Hawks. (carried)

CORRESPONDANCE - Chuck Paquette stated the \$ 300.00 was sent to the Country Side Methodist Church in Port Byron.

News & Notes were also distributed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- a. Poster contest. Go to our website & print it out. Judging will take place in May. Any questions please contact Deb Stevens at 448 – 1820.
- b. RODEO – Committee was looking for an alternative site to host the rodeo but none was found. The rodeo this year will be hosted by the Oswego County Fairgrounds. Rich Dennison & Dave Deuel are soliciting vendors for donations to the rodeo. (door prizes) They are sending out the standard form letter. Also, the actual hands on Pre-trip will be added back to the rodeo this year.

Also, committee is looking for Exhibitors to attend the rodeo to help fill in some of the down time. If you know of anyone please contact the committee. The date of the Rodeo is May 16th.

OLD BUSINESS – Topic of BOCES & Shared Services was addressed. Mike Janisch stated that our work as a Chapter is extremely important. He also stated that the Superintendents are supposed to be getting together to try and get the bell times the same. As a group we need to move forward & get proposals together & ask for cooperation with individual Districts. Mike also asked the group to prepare a list of bell times for NON PUBLIC schools and share them at the March meeting.

Chuck asked whether there should be a committee for shared services? The following members volunteered to be on that committee; Mike Janisch, Nancy Wescott, Bob Peters, Carol Hawks & Joyce.

A minor discussion took place regarding weather closings.

BY – LAWS – Dave Deuel said they would be brought back to the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

Michelle – (PTSI) Workshop in Albany on Homeless Transportation. Looking for information from Chapter so she can take to the conference that is coming up soon.

Dave Deuel (F.M.) – Ok. He is currently doing some shared services. Judy & the rest of staff said hello.

Carol (onon Central) – Retiring April 30th. However she is still going to be doing some S.B.D.I. & 19 – A work.

Bob Peters (L’Pool) – Things are great.

Laura (J.D.) – Fortunate that no problems occurred during the last storm.

Ted – Waiting for approval on the S.B.D.I. Curriculum.

Terry (S.C.S.D.) – Introduced Chuck Paquette as the new Assistant Transportation Director for the city. His new position will take place on 2/13/2009.

Jerry (W.Genny) – Things are quiet.

Mike (N.Syr) – April break they move into their now building. Mike has offered to host a meeting after July.

Diane (Hannibal) – Things are good

Carol (Weedsport) – Things are good

Al (Chittenango) – Going fine

Al (Mexico) – all's well

Michelle – things are good

Rich Dennison – all is well

Chuck (SCSD)- last day as Safety Officer. Looking forward to his new position and responsibilities. Nominations for officers will be in May & the elections in June. Also, still looking for a meeting site for the March 11th meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Deuel & seconded by Bob Peters.

The next meeting of the founding chapter of NYAPT will be held at the East Syracuse - Minoa District Transportation Center. We will gather on Wednesday, 3/11/09 at 10 a.m. The address is 7225 North Central Avenue, East Syracuse, NY 13057. The phone number is 315-434-3460

Michele Cooper, of PTSI, will challenge our minds and provide insight on the topic - "Transporting Housing Challenged Children" - aka "homeless transportation".

We hope to see you there!

A Big “THANKS” TO TIM DURHAM FOR DOING THE MINUTES!!

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Gilbert