

This Meeting for: KANSAS OPERATION LIFESAVER, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015 starting at 1:30 p. m.

Venue: Abilene Public Library, 209 NW 4th Street, Jordan Room, Abilene, KS

Present: President, Matt Vogt (Valley Center Police Department & Volunteer); Treasurer/Secretary, Darlene Osterhaus (Coach & Volunteer); Executive Director, Julie La Combe (Coach & Volunteer); Carl Akins (KCS & Volunteer); Lynn Aldrich, (Volunteer); Norbert Angell (Volunteer); David Bruna (UP RR & Volunteer); Bill Fitzgerald (UP RR & Volunteer); Mike Foster (Volunteer); Ben Gardner (KHP & Volunteer); Adrian Hertog (Volunteer); Tom La Combe (Volunteer); John LaGesse (Volunteer); Jim McKeel (KPOA & Volunteer); Mitch Sothers (KDOT); and Phil Taunton (Volunteer).

1. The meeting was called to order by Vogt at 1:45 pm.
2. J La Combe gave the safety briefing. Members signified their attendance with the sign-in sheet and self-introductions.
3. Bruna moved to accept the minutes from March 4, 2015 as presented. Aldrich seconded; the motion carried.
4. Osterhaus presented the treasurer’s report with a balance of \$61,392.86.
5. New Business
 - A. Vogt gave the OLI Statistics Worksheet providing data cited from Federal Railroad Administration (www.fra.dot.gov). In Kansas 85% of the 2014 HRG collisions were pedestrians. * Unofficial – January and February months only

Crossing Crashes	Crashes	Fatalities	Injuries
National 2014	2,285	270	843
Kansas 2014	40	6	8
National 2015*	355	42	158
Kansas 2015*	8	0	5

Trespass Incidents	Fatalities	Injuries
National 2014	501	414
Kansas 2014	7	7
National 2015*	73	61
Kansas 2015*	1	0

- B. Vogt reported that for this year, shows 365 activities and presentations with attendees of 15,627. Compared to the same time frame in 2014, presentations were down 6% respectively, and the audience sizes were up 29%. Get reporting completed in 10 days or less.
- C. On the www.OLI.org website use Chrome Internet service and clean the cache or clear browsing data, it works better than Internet Explorer for reporting.
 - I. When reporting a special event include the total number of people and the location zip code in the comments section.
 - II. Never put a name in co-presenter field, each person does their own reporting of an event.

- III. Let La Combe know if you would think any changes need to be made to the OLI reporting website. Note only one Login now to do reporting.
 - D. Executive Director La Combe gave a Kansas Operation Lifesaver update for the last quarter events.
 - I. The KDOT 402 Grant only funds paper produces with a printed safety message.
 - II. Always ask a person to answer a railroad safety question before giving out material.
 - III. ST3 pedestrian posters were available.
 - E. Carl Akins was the new attendee at the meeting.
 - F. The Kansas Operation Lifesaver website www.ksoli.org has the meeting minutes, newsletters, statistics, events, and other updated information.
 - G. The First Quarter KS OL Sunflower Signal Newsletter was available at the meeting.
 - I. KS OL has a QR code that will take you to the KS OL Facebook page
 - II. Firestarter Award- send request with information to La Combe.
 - III. KS OL now has a Twitter account. Examples of appropriate hashtags: #ST3 #SeeTracksThinkTrain #EyesUpPhoneDown #MomentOfSilence
 - H. Read and share with family, friends, and co-workers and "Like, Comment, or Share" items from the KS OL Facebook page and Like the status when new items are posted - it's free marketing on Facebook to everyone. OLAV's "Share" at least one post a month, make it your personal goal.
6. General Remarks and Discussions
- A. From Operation Lifesaver Inc. (National): The updated Visual Decks are available for distribution after the meeting along with other handout materials. Take a box cutter to the old visuals; they can't be used from this time forward. In Power Point, on the "Thank You" screen you can add your contact information here; this is the only slide that can be manipulated. Mandatory to include trespassing in each presentation. Slides for children are still pending.
 - I. OLI Summit Information
 - a. GCCI and RSER re-working the instruction Manuals as one program
 - b. New ST3 Public Service Announcement on crossing safety to be released at ILCAD (June 3)
 - II. 2015 ILACD is June 3 if you have anything scheduled let La Combe know
 - III. A Face-to-Face coaching is scheduled on June 24 in Kansas City, MO.
 - IV. MO OL is making a radio Public Service Announcement targeted towards farmers that will be played in the Kansas City area which will be heard on the Kansas side.
 - B. If you purchase anything on www.Amazon.com please use Amazon Smile <http://smile.amazon.com/> and support KS OL: Amazon makes donations from part of the purchase to not-for profit organizations.
 - C. OLI "See Tracks? Think Train!" (ST3) safety public service advertising (PSA) campaign is still ongoing for 2015.
7. Next Meeting is the Third Quart Committee Meeting on August 13 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the KLETC, Director's Board Room, 11009 S Hornet Road, (Yoder) Hutchinson,, KS.
8. Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting. McKeel seconded; motion carried at 3:15 p. m.

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