

Secretary's Report for February 10th HCSP Meeting

The February 10th meeting of the Houston Council of Safety Professionals was called to order at 11:58am by Chairman Danek.

The invocation was given by Tom Hartman and was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Self-introductions were made.

The Secretary's Report for January was on all tables and was also posted on the website. A motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made by Tanner Hickman and seconded by Bill Durham. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was given by Treasurer Lonnie Bennett. There was a beginning balance of \$5,941.27 and an ending balance of \$6,914.79. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Rudy Zepeda and seconded by Tim Mcgee. Motion carried.

2nd Vice Chair Jay Ferguson was recognized by Chairman Danek for the great work she has been doing on updating the council's website. She was named the HCSP Queen by Chairman Danek.

Old Business

Reminder was made that membership dues are due. Please see Lonnie as he will accept cash, credit card and checks.

HCSP caps are still for sale; please see Alternate David Mireles to buy them.

TXTA Trucking Day was held on January 31. 2nd Vice Chair Ferguson gave an update of the event. She advised that towing fees, human trafficking, the overweight corridor and tort reform were topics discussed along with CMV inspection stations and that an attempt is being made to get out-of-state CMV inspections to count in Texas.

TXTA SMC Spring Safety Conference in Waco is approaching on March 22-24. SMC Chairman Mike Vix gave an update. Mike advised that there will be a golf tournament, a round table discussion with Tom Hartman as moderator and an ELD presentation provided by DPS CVE Training Sgt. Dana Moore. Mike also advised that there will be discussions concerning deposition preparation and new technology in trucking. He further advised that there will be USDOT and CDL medical certification personnel on hand to answer questions.

Chairman Danek advised that the HCSP annual golf tournament has been set. 1st Vice Chair Robert Blanco gave an update. Robert advised that the tournament will be held on

April 5th at the Battleground Golf Course in Deer Park, TX. It will be a shotgun start at 8 A.M. Robert made a request for volunteers to assist running the tournament.

The 2017 HCSP Houston Regional Truck Driving Championship has been scheduled for May 13th at the Houston Community College and 1st Vice Chair Robert Blanco will be the TDC Chairman. A request was made for volunteers and equipment.

DPS Challenge is approaching & Sgt. Brad Gibson gave a quick update. It will be held July 17-19 in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel.

Chairman Danek congratulated 3 HPD CVE officers, David Mireles, Kit Caston and Ernest White, on their retirement after 33+ years each.

No other old business was discussed.

New Business

The next Road Patrol is scheduled and will be held on April 14th. Participants will meet at the Denny's on SH225 in Pasadena for breakfast and then will go forth and assess the trucking industry on the road. A request was made for participants.

Robert Fuentes was the speaker for the meeting and he gave a presentation on the TXTA initiative for tort reform involving litigation from commercial vehicle accidents. Robert advised that a bill is to be introduced to help reform settlements and awards from court cases. There is also a push to reform medical malpractice issues.

There was no further new business brought forward from the floor.

Door prizes were then awarded. Door prize sponsors for this month were Canal Cartage, CVS, Clark Freight Lines, Limeco, MustangCat, Petroleum Express and Omnibus.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Durham and was seconded by Angela Lam. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.