

**This Meeting for: Kansas Operation Lifesaver, Board of Directors and
Committee Meeting**

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Venue: Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC)

Director's Board Room-11009 S Hornet Road

Yoder, Kansas 67501

Present: President, Matt Vogt (Valley Center Police Department, KPOA & Volunteer); Tony Stewart (KHP); Executive Director, Julie La Combe (Coach & Volunteer); Howard Gillespie (FRA); Norbert Angell (Volunteer); Adrian Hertog (BNSF & Volunteer); John Simpson (UP RR & Volunteer); Gary Farlow (KDOT – for Mitch Sothers); Lynn Aldrich (Volunteer); Mike Foster (Topeka Rescue Mission); Gary Vaughn (Watco Companies)

Absent: None

Guests: Tom La Combe (Volunteer); Wm. R. Fitzgerald (Volunteer/Coach)

1. Meeting was called to order by President Vogt at 1:29 p.m. Members signified their attendance on the KS OL sign-in-sheet. Matt Vogt gave the safety briefing. Introductions around the room were made.

2. John Simpson moved to approve the KS OL Board of Directors meeting minutes from the May 5, 2016 meeting along with the addition of and subsequent approval of the committee meeting, same date. Lynn Aldrich seconded. Motion carried. The Committee meeting minutes will be commented on, corrected, and approved simultaneously, going forward.

3. Budget Information:

A. Adrian Hertog presented the treasurer's report, forwarding balance of \$66,833.70. Income was \$6,760.79 and expenses were \$18,666.87. The ending balance was \$54,927.62 in the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

B. Board members were presented with the 2015 Kansas OL tax return

C. Budget Committee-La Combe and Hertog are transitioning KS OL accounting practices to new software. Volunteers are needed for budget committee. Volunteers should email La Combe expressing their willingness to help.

4. Unfinished and Old Business

A. Julie provided a PowerPoint presentation update of her activities during the previous quarter, May-July.

B. La Combe provided each of the attendees a copy of (Contract for Independent Services for the Kansas Operation Lifesaver, Executive Director position). Items pending were newly added meal allowance policy and clarification on web duties as passed in the 2Q2016 and 1Q 2016 meetings respectively. Motion by Adrian Hertog, Second by Lynn Aldrich to approve contract as presented. Motion carried.

5. New Business

A. La Combe reported on the KS Ag. Newsletter for two advertisement publications of a half page each and a 300- to 500-word article about railroad safety for farmers.

B. Governors Proclamations-Two will be presented: one to Topeka Rescue Mission and the other to the KS OL Volunteer of the Year Award winner in 2016 (for 2015 events).

C. La Combe provided information concerning her absence for a week, beginning October 16

D. Update from OLI – La Combe explained that our e-Learning materials for professional drivers were written by some of the top designers in the field. She encouraged us to promote the programs as much as possible as to get the greatest amount of exposure and use.

E. Vogt and Fitzgerald asked if it would be possible to purchase a tool box, large enough to carry a pop-up secured to the Crash Car. La Combe advised they should receive bids on the box. It was agreed that was a good idea. La Combe also indicated that the OL branded tent was being underutilized and that it could be stored in the box and accompany the Crash Car. La Combe will provide tent dimensions to Vogt and Fitzgerald for the bid.

6. Board adjournment-Motion by John Simpson to adjourn. Second by Norbert Angell. Motion passed-14:41.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Norbert A. Angell, III, Secretary
Edited by Julie LaCombe, Executive Director

[This concluded..... John Simpson & Gary Vaughn left shortly after adjournment and did not attend the Committee meeting.

1. Committee Call to Order at 2:57 p.m. by President Matt Vogt.

2. Committee Information and New Business

A. Statistics

National Crossing Collisions	2013	2014	2015	2016*
Collisions	2,102	2,291	2,059	790
Injuries	975	860	980	308
Fatalities	232	264	240	113

National Trespasser Incidents	2013	2014	2015	2016*
Injuries	434	421	407	188
Fatalities	425	472	486	213

Kansas Crossing Collisions

Collisions

Injuries

Fatalities

	2013	2014	2015	2016*
Collisions	46	40	41	13
Injuries	12	8	15	3
Fatalities	3	6	3	1

Kansas Trespasser Incidents

Injuries

Fatalities

	2013	2014	2015	2016*
Injuries	2	7	4	0
Fatalities	4	6	6	1

**Through May 31, 2016*

Source: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Data is subject to change as updated information impacts records.

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B. Activity Records provided by Matt Vogt with a slide provided by Julie LaCombe. Howard Gillespie provided details on some recent tragedies. He gave insight into FRA reporting and how it may take an extended period of time before the exact cause of the incident is reported, i.e. suicides. These responses were as a result of the current indication of the statistics and how they fluctuate dramatically depending on the reporting process.

Q3 data (January through July):

779 activities and presentations with 35,292 people

(For the same time last year, we are **even with** presentations and **even with** audience size for the same time last year. Thank you Adrian, Bill, and others for stepping **way** up!

Volunteer Hours: 1250.5 (**up** 7%, likely due to better reporting)

C. Julie explained that if we have Twitter accounts, Instagram, Facebook, we should be using those to their fullest to spread our message and engage the public. She thanked a number of attendees for their contribution to the "Photo gallery" and asked that we continue to provide her with photos, thank you notes, acknowledgements etc.

D. KS OL Sunflower Signal Quarterly Newsletter provided to all attendees

3. General Remarks, Discussion, and Questions

A. Julie reminded all that Volunteer of the Year Award nominations were due, by email, on or before September 15, 2016. The awards are given out in November.

B. FIRESTARTER Julie LaCombe explained that she would like to see us provide her with the names of folks that we feel are deserving of the Firestarter award. Those that go above and beyond to promote our message.

C. Bad Ads-Subaru is at the top of our list. Keep providing those ads to Julie so we can take proper action to persuade those companies to change or eliminate the offensive ads.

- D. November 10, 2016 4th Quarter meeting. Discussion regarding whether there would be a KS/MO rail conference? Gary Farlow said there had been discussions but that no real plans had arose. There was some talk about 3 states with KC to host. Further information would be provided. Discussion about the 1st Quarterly meeting regarding location with the possibility of Topeka, either Rescue Mission by Mike Foster or Tony Stewart indicated the Jayhawk tower could be possible.
- E. A large list of future events were tossed out:
Matt 9/24-25 Wichita Toy Train Expo, Saturday & Sunday looking for volunteers.
Bill Toy Train at Ark City November 5&6 in the Ag. Bldg.
Air Capital Train show in February
Adrian Desoto days September 3, 2016
Bill Emergency Services Showcase in Topeka, Gage Park September 10, 2016.
September 11, 2016 Shriners in Wichita will have a large car show
Should anyone be interested in participating in any of these events, please contact the person indicated.
Julie reminded us of the Scouting 500 which will be in May, 2017, Les Kuehne is the lead in that event. In the past several thousand have attended the two day event.
Matt shared an incident report on a rail grade crossing from the 60's that was intriguing to note the vernacular and means by which it was reported. Thanks for sharing, Matt.
4. Next Meeting- Thursday, November 10, 2016. St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 311 S. Buckeye, Abilene, Kansas 67410. 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is our Annual Meeting and awards luncheon, everyone is welcome to attend; lunch will be provided but RSVP is required.
5. Adjournment-William Fitzgerald made a Motion to adjourn. Tony Stewart seconded. Motion carried at 3:37p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by N. A. Angell, III, Secretary
Edited by Julie LaCombe, Executive Director