

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

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 starting at 1:30 pm

**Venue: Lyon County Sheriff's Office: Basement Training Room
425 Mechanic, Emporia, Kansas 66801**

Present: President, Matt Vogt (Valley Center Police Department, KPOA & Volunteer); Tony Stewart (KHP & Volunteer); Norbert Angell (Volunteer); Adrian Hertog (Volunteer); Mitch Sothers(KDOT);Lynn Aldrich (Volunteer); Mike Foster(Topeka Rescue Mission); Gary Vaughn Watco Companies; Lucas Conrad, Watco companies.

Guests: William R. Fitzgerald (Coach, Volunteer); John Lageese, (Volunteer) Darlene Osterhaus, (Volunteer, Coach,) Phil Taunton, (Volunteer); Shaun Flott, (BNSF Police); Justin L. Carr, (Lyon County Sheriff's Office) Tara Mays, (Prospective Executive Director) Mrs. Aldrich, (Spouse).

1. Meeting was called to order by President Vogt at 1:33 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. Appreciation to Lyon County Deputy Carr, BNSF Officer Flott, and newest member to the Board, Lucas Conrad, Watco companies, who replaces Gary Vaughn as short line representative. Matt also introduced Tara Mays, the Organization's prospective Executive Director.

2. Mike Foster moved to approve the KS OL Board of Directors meeting minutes from the February 09, 2017 meeting along with the addition of and subsequent approval of the committee meeting, same date. Mitch Sothers seconded. Motion carried.

3. Budget Information:

A. Matt Vogt presented the treasurer's report, forwarding balance of Q1 \$58,494.04. Revenue was Q2: \$32,165.44 and expenses were Q2: \$10,811.94. The ending balance was Q2: as of May 7, 2017: \$79,847.54. Mike Foster motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mitch Sothers. Motion carried.

B. Matt asked for nominations to fill the vacancy left by Adrian Hertog's resignation of the position of Treasurer. No one stepped forward, the Motion was tabled.

C. Copies of the Treasure's report were provided via email from Executive Director Julie La Combe.

4. New Business

A. Matt discussed the initiatives of "appreciation for LEO's" and his recent attendance to the Police Chiefs conference agencies. Phil Taunton also has attempted to recruit OLAV's through the Kansas Wildlife Association and the Parks & Recreation offices. Matt discussed the schedule for finalizing the Contract with Tara Mays, through his ongoing communications with Sandy. As quickly as possible, a Face-to-Face will be accomplished. Matt also discussed the process by which Tara was selected.

Adrian Hertog complemented Matt Vogt on the time, effort, and excellent leadership qualities exhibited throughout the lengthy process.

Mike Foster also thanked Matt and then called for us to allow Tara to talk to the group and share her thoughts.

Tara provided us with a bio, expressed her desire to be a part of our organization, and too, stated that the hiring process was truly professional.

C. Matt provided us with information from his attendance of the recent rail conference, attended with Julie LaCombe and Adrian Hertog. The GCCI program as we know it will cease as of June 30, 2017. We will still be able to provide LEO's with the Basic Law Enforcement and First Responders program, as in the past.

D. Norbert Angell asked to have the tabled Motion regarding the Treasurer's position brought back up for discussion. Matt attempted to explain how simple the process was for handling the financial affairs of the Organization. Adrian Hertog stepped back up and stated that he would perform on an interim basis the tasks associated with the Treasurer's position. Because Adrian had resigned, a Motion was made by Mike Foster, seconded by Mitch Sothers, and carried to accept Adrian's offer to continue as Treasurer until such time that someone steps forward.

A Motion was made by Adrian Hertog, seconded by Tony Stewart to adjourn the meeting of the Board.

Motion carried to adjourn, 2:04pm.

*Addendum: May 23, 2017

Motion was made by Adrian Hertog and seconded by Lucas Conrad to accept the contract with Mays Group naming Tara Mays as Executive Director of Kansas Operation Lifesaver, replacing Julie La Combe.

Contract was signed and executed on May 24, 2017 by Tara Mays of the Mays Group and Board President Matt Vogt of Kansas Operation Lifesaver.

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

A 16 minute recess.....

1. Committee Call to Order at 2:20 p.m. by President Matt Vogt.
2. Committee Information and New Business was limited to advising that we would not have statistics or an activity record. The KS OL Sunflower Signal Quarterly Newsletter can be viewed online. Matt also advised that photos should be posted on KS OL Facebook as a form of marketing our Organization.

3. Matt solicited ideas for use during Rail Safety Week which is September 24-30, 2017.

A. Mike Foster stated the Rescue Mission will be doing programs to promote rail safety during this time period.

B. Matt Vogt along with Tony, Mike and Troopers accepted the Governor's Proclamation.

C. August 25-27, 2017 the Scouting 500 will be at the Kansas Speedway. Les Kuehne will once again be handling this event. Nearly 20,000 were in attendance in the past.

D. Photo's should be passed to Matt Vogt in the interim in order to have them posted to KSOL Facebook.

E. Sonic coupons are available.

F. A general discussion by Lynn Aldrich, Matt Vogt and the group regarding what to do with the supplies in the trailer and warehouse. Tara Mays has a little storage area, but not much. Norbert asked that an inventory of items be presented to the group to allow us an opportunity to provide dispersal. Also Norbert said he would research the retention requirements for the existing files.

G. Phil Taunton will be getting a message out to school administrators regarding our programs. He also has an outlet through the Wild Kansas program. He said he will be attending a conference of school administrators in the near future.

H. Adrian Hertog brought up the misconception that there is a requirement that students in Driver Education programs be exposed to an OL presentation, this is not the case in Kansas.

4. Next Meeting- Thursday, August 10, 2017 . KLET center, 11009 S. Hornet Rd. Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Yoder, Kansas)

5. Adjournment-William R. Fitzgerald made a Motion to adjourn. Darlene Osterhaus seconded. Motion carried at 2:46p.m.

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