

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

**Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - - From 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**KDOT SAFETY CONFERENCE**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton**

**10401 S. Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061**

**J Bar Salon Conference Room**

**Present: Aaron Mays (State Coordinator)**, Jessica Mays (Assistant State Coordinator) Volunteer); Norbert Angell (Volunteer); Adrian Hertog (Volunteer) Mitch Sothers (KDOT & Volunteer); Mike Foster (Topeka Rescue Mission);

**Guests:** John LaGesse, Ross Boelling.

(Mike Foster acted on behalf of Matt Vogt (President) in his absence)

1. Meeting was called to order by Mike Foster at 9:37 A.M. Members signified their attendance on the KS OL sign-in-sheet.

2. Mike Foster and others talked us through the safety briefing because of their familiarity with the surroundings.

3. Introductions around the room were made.

4. Motion was made by Adrian Hertog to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018 Board meeting, (COPIES PROVIDED). Norbert Angell seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous for acceptance.

Motion was made by Darlene Osterhaus to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of November 8, 2018, (COPIES PROVIDED) Adrian Hertog seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous for acceptance.

5. State Coordinators report: Technical difficulties at first kept us from viewing the stats. Aaron Mays led the discussion and provided conversation regarding focus area, Sedgewick, Wyandotte, and Johnson counties. Aaron updated on Wichita Force, Geofencing and the Intrust arena.

Jessica Mays gave KUDO's to Mike Foster regarding the fruitful efforts of the Topek Rescue Mission to prevent suicides on the nearby tracks. It had been a significant time since the last event. Mike Foster shared that a most recent situation had occurred, but with quick reactions by the staff and residence a tragedy had been avoided.

6. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting: The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting will be held at the BNSF training center, JOCO Community college on August 8, 2019. Adrian Hertog has coordinated this effort with his contacts at the center. It will include guided tours and will be a much more robust event. Adrian gave an oral agenda and said that as we get closer to that date, written instructions on entry to the building, conference room assignments, and directions will be provided. It was suggested that the Culinary Arts department would be an exceptional caterer if we so desired for the luncheon.

Aaron remarked that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting will be on May 9, 2019 in Emporia, Kansas. The site will be provided at a later date.

7. Adrian presented the 2018 (see 4 attachments) treasurer's report. Adrian Hertog provided a thorough explanation and provide all interested parties with a current reporting and analysis of our fiduciary

responsibilities. Again, the capabilities are much more advanced and enhanced over the antiquated system we were using in the past. Aaron Mays provided a breakdown and explanation of the expenses regarding his recent attendance at the OLI State Coordinators conference. Adrian stated that we were doing an outstanding job of staying "on-track" with our expenses and well within our budget. A lengthy discussion, again, regarding the CD we now having coming due in the late summer. Jessica and Aaron have and will continue to do research to indicate where we might place the CD to increase our ROI? We discussed the amount of money we were carrying in the checking account and it was agreed that we should decide on an amount (perhaps \$25,000.00) to be combined with the CD for future investments.

It is important to note that Board needed to handle a banking issue. The Board needed to have **Aaron Mays** as well as **Jessica Mays** added to the present account. Both Matt Vogt and Mike Foster would remain on the account, but, **Tara Mays** would be removed. This would give us **Aaron Mays, Jessica Mays, Matt Vogt, and Mike Foster** to handle our banking matters.

Mitch Sothers made a Motion to add both Aaron Mays and Jessica Mays to the bank account, to remove Tara Mays, all the while retaining both Matt Vogt and Mike Foster who currently are on this account. Adrian Hertog provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Motion carried.

Mike Foster and Adrian Hertog led a discussion regarding the possibility of donor animosity toward our organization having too much in the way of assets?

Jessica Mays stated the 2017 Incentive program had been overlooked and wanted to know how we should handle? Darlene Osterhaus stated that with the amount of money in our account we should go ahead a progress this program and not wait.

Jessica Mays explained how she needed "wiggle" room within the Budget. After clarification and explanation it was agreed that she could, and should feel free to use her discretion on budget items and had the consent to do so.

The CD question will be discussed at the May 9, 2019 meeting after additional research is developed.

8. Old Business: Wichita Force. Aaron stated that we would continue to have a relationship with the Wichita Force. He explained they had pitched the idea of incentives back to the organization but it was declined and we in turn will realize a cost savings. It appears that this remains an excellent venue to educate the public.

Jessica remarked that she had sent out numerous messages to presenters, attempting to inventory the available supplies. This apparently fell on deaf ears. Adrian Hertog suggested we needed to approach especially the UPRR presenters and attempt to retrieve their supplies. Note, UPRR has withdrawn from all activities.

The UPRR crash car was discussed. Adrian has taken the lead in an attempt to procure the trailer. It is presently and for some time now not being utilized. Norbert stated that he had an offer from a retired railroader to repaint the trailer and reposition the crash car on the trailer. Once we get to the bottom of the licensing, Adrian will continue to pursue the vehicle. It was determined that we would consider a donation.

9. New Business: Aaron reported a significant increase in the number of new OLAV's. There are 15 new and 2 waiting for training. We have three coaches at this time, Adrian, Matt and Norbert.

Aaron spoke about a new MofW bill in the State that would give on-track equipment the same status as a locomotive. This would, hopefully, decrease the number of incidents that occur at grade.

Adrian provided an explanation as to how he was researching the possibility of using the folks at KARSP. They will be having a conference in June and Adrian was looking at the possibility of us manning a booth. This organization of retired school personnel was always looking for opportunities to volunteer.

Again, still, National is talking about a template for our website.

Adrian lead a discussion about a new National program, "Stop, Trains Can't". It was agreed that the title alone should give everyone pause. This is contrary to common sense. Adrian did indicate that the website was filled with new PSA's, videos, and information. Adrian has made contact with someone who would like to make PSA's for our organization. He suggested that we allow this person to come to our next meeting, perhaps, and provide us with additional information. Aaron has hid business card.

Posner Foundation?? (exited)(reentered)

Calendars, both dash and pocket. It was agreed we would up the order to 4,500. An increase over last year. LEO's are the main distributors.

SONIC, bad news. Sonic is moving more toward the use of app's and will no longer support the coupon program. Collective groan, because especially the driver education folks were the recipients and users of this program, along with our Positive Enforcement lanes. It will be necessary for the group to come up with perhaps new ideas to help reinforce our programs to take the place of the SONIC incentive.

12. Adjournment-Adrian Hertog made a Motion to adjourn. Mitch Sothers seconded the Motion. It was voted on and carried, unanimously at 11:29A.M.....

A recess of 2 minutes followed.....

1. Committee Call to Order-Mike Foster called the Committee to order at 11:30 A.M..
2. A. Statistics (PowerPoint provided)  
Aaron Mays provided a slide which depicted KSOL presentation statistics YTD.  
Jessica also provided information on quarterly trends. Aaron suggested that presentations were down. Jessica could confirm which direction we were trending as of late. She provided us with the explanation about geo fencing.
  - B. Activity Records, Presentations, Audience, Special Events. (slide)
  - C. KS OL Sunflower Signal Quarterly Newsletter (provided in packet)
  - D. KS OL on Social Media

Jessica sked for our help in determining the photographers in our area. We need to get busy with our attempts to keep unsuspecting individuals from trespassing and taking Prom and Senior pictures. Students are gearing up to provide information for years books and it is in our best interest to get ahead of the nice weather that is coming. Ross Boelling suggested that we contact the individual school districts to ask for their cooperation in contacting photographers.

3. General Discussion.

Adrian asked about information on the next NAC meeting?? The group that oversees PSA's and railroad educational materials. Denise, BNSF training had asked him. No information was available.

Aaron and Jessica informed us of a Town Hall conference call provided by National on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 11:00A.M.

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting at Emporia, Kansas (library perhaps) Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Darlene Osterhaus made a Motion to adjourn, Adrian Hertog seconded, the Motion carried at 11:46 A.M.

4. August 9, 2018, Hutchinson, Kansas.

5. Committee Adjournment-Deb Romine made a Motion to Adjourn, Lynn Aldrich seconded the Motion. It was voted on and unanimously carried at 15:38.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Norbert A. Angell, III, Secretary