

This Meeting for: Kansas Operation Lifesaver, Committee Members

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016 starting at 1:32 p. m.

Venue: Union Pacific Railroad, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64105

Present: President, Matt Vogt (Valley Center Police Department & Volunteer); Tony Stewart (KHP & Volunteer); Executive Director, Julie La Combe (Coach & Volunteer); Howard Gillespie (FRA); Jim McKeel (KPOA & Volunteer); Adrian Hertog (Volunteer) proxy for Lynn Aldrich (Volunteer); Rod Magee (BNSF RR & Volunteer); John Simpson (UP RR & Volunteer); Mitch Sothers (KDOT); and Travis Herod (Volunteer) proxy for Gary Vaughn (Watco Companies – Shortline Railroads); Tom La Combe (Volunteer); Buck Russel (UP RR); Norbert Angell (UP RR Retired); Bill Fitzgerald (UP RR); and Mike Foster (Topeka Rescue Mission); Michelle Hogg (UP RR); B. Justin White (Miami Co. Sheriff's Office); Tom Hillyard (UP RR Retired); Debbie Romine (KSDE); Ron Mayers (UP RR)

1. Meeting was called to order by President Vogt at 1:32 p.m. Members signified their attendance on the KS OL sign-in-sheet. John Simpson gave the safety briefing.
2. Jim McKeel moved to approve the KS OL Committee meeting minutes from the November 12, 2015. Debbie Romine seconded. Motion carried.
3. Election of at-large board members was conducted. There were four nominees for the three available positions; Norbert Angell, Lynn Aldrich, Matt Vogt, and Mike Foster. Ballots were distributed, completed, and turned in. Jim McKeel and Travis Herod were requested to tally the votes. Norbert Angell, Lynn Aldrich, and Matt Vogt were elected to fill the three available positions.
4. The Committee Meeting was recessed at 1:52 p.m. and the Board of Directors Meeting was resumed to elect officers. The Committee Meeting was resumed at 2:04 p.m.
5. Budget Information:
Julie La Combe presented the treasurer's report, forwarding balance of \$39,210.76. Income was \$13,915.39 and expenses were \$11,275.79. The ending balance was \$41,850.36 in the checking account at UMB Bank, plus the CD at \$25,157.22.
6. Information and New Business
 - A. Julie La Combe reminded everyone of the importance of getting on-line and completing activity reports in a timely manner. It is desired and requested that they be posted no later than 10 days after the event.
 - B. Julie La Combe briefed the committee on her recent activities.
 - C. Julie La Combe discussed the Sunflower Signal newsletter.
 - D. New attendees at the meeting were recognized and thanked for their attendance.
 - E. Julie La Combe discussed the KSOL Facebook page and the importance today of social media in getting our message out. If you see a post from national OL or KSOL that you feel is significant, share that post with your friends or at least "like" the post.

7. News from OLI was shared with those in attendance. First Responder and Law Enforcement safety training is being re-developed. A new President, Bonnie Murphy, has officially started at OLI.

8. Call for nominations are open for Volunteer of the Year for 2015. Any volunteer or rail safety partner may nominate any other volunteer or rail safety partner who exhibits a high level of activity or exemplary service to the program. When making the nomination please include a brief statement of why it is felt that person deserves the recognition, and email nomination to Julie LaCombe.

9. Members were reminded that Upcoming Events are listed on the KSOL website so please take a look at those in case you are interested in participating in that event.

10. A brief discussion of the structure of our meetings was held. There was a desire to reduce the amount of time required for our meetings to facilitate travel to and from the meetings, because of other job requirements, and also to reduce the amount of duplication between the two meetings. After discussion Jim McKeel made a motion to combine the two meetings (Board and Committee) into one meeting that would start at 1 p.m. on meeting dates. Norbert Angell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim McKeel made a second motion that the combined meetings start with the next meetings on May 5. Rod Magee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Next Meetings and Events

A. 2016 Meeting Dates and Locations

1. Second Quarter Board of Directors/Committee Meeting is May 5 at 1 p.m. at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy, 2025 E. Iron Avenue, Salina, KS.
2. Third Quarter Board of Directors/Committee Meeting is August 11 at 1 p. m. at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC), 11009 S Hornet Road, Yoder (Hutchinson), KS.
3. Fourth Quarter Board of Directors/Committee Meeting is November 10, at St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 311 S Buckeye, Abilene, KS. Time and details to be determined.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jim McKeel, Acting Secretary
Edited by Julie LaCombe, Executive Director