

STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
RAMADA INN – HERMITAGE ROOM
JANUARY 18, 2005

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

In Attendance:

Mark O’Dowd	State President	Archie Daily	State Vice President
Dave Taylor	Treasurer	Chapter 2	3 members
Chapter 4	2 members	Chapter 5	1 member
Chapter 6	1 member	Chapter 7	2 members
Chapter 8	2 members		

President Mark O’Dowd called the meeting to order at 9:10a.m. Introduced the State Officers.

Treasurer’s Report

Dave distributed the treasurer’s report dated 9/10/04 through 1/16/05. Dave explained the \$28,394.00 income balance does not include the last deposit; electronic transfer has been set up for membership dues deposit. Expenses \$2458.71. Balance total \$13,869.98. Motion made by Ron Wheeler and seconded by Paul Earley to approve the treasurers report, discussion, vote, motion passed.

Chapter Reports

Chapter 1 – Absent

Chapter 2 - \$630.00 in account, 275 members. Had a picnic in September with 65 in attendance.

Chapter 3 – 267 members, had a meeting in the fall, everything is going on schedule

Chapter 4 – We have had 4 retirees since last meeting. Not much going on, we are trying to think up something for fundraiser and raise excitement.

Chapter 5 – There is \$16,466.94 in account. We have 567 members, 247 from District 5 and 322 from headquarters. No activities planned. If Steve retires in the fall we will be looking for a new president.

Chapter 6 – 311 members, \$6000.00 in account. Had a Christmas party

Chapter 7 – We have \$3,74.42 in checking account, \$893.58 in Credit Union account for a total \$3968.00. We had one new Gold Card Member. We are currently working on a plan to recruit new members and will be scheduling several pizza feed in the near future. We are asking our new seasonal hire to become members to help increase our membership.

Chapter 8 – We have 373 members, we have been consistent with retirees and new members. \$5176.03 in account. We have designated \$1000.00 to help defray the cost of a fallen co-worker memorial in the district.

Chapter 9 – Absent

Chapter 10 – Absent

OLD BUSINESS

AMENDMENT 3 - As you all know Amendment 3 passed by a large margin. Our part did not go quite as planned; we could not get the names and addresses for the members, to mail our support letter. Juel Paddock was asked to send the letter to each district, that didn't happen. Our name did appear on information. As of yet we have not received a bill.

NAME CHANGE – Mark reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting. He made a phone call to a lawyer to find out the cost and what all needed to be done to change the name. The lawyer took care of it at no cost. We are now registered with a d/b/a (doing business as) T.E.A.M. Ron Wheeler moved to proceed with the name change on the logo and paperwork, second by Dave O'Connor, discussion – we will use the same logo just change the wording on it, vote passed. New envelopes and membership cards need to be ordered as we are about out of the old ones. The new ones will have the new name and logo. Paul asked if we were going to actively recruit other models to join T.E.A.M. Mark said that he would like to get through this legislative session, then organize a plan to get other models as members. Vote was taken and passed. We will now be known as T.E.A.M.

It was brought up that the by-laws need to be changed to accept wage- seasonal employees as members. That requires a mailing and vote of the general membership. Traditionally any bylaw changes have been done at the end of the year. Information should go out in June to be voted on in August. Brian Atnip made a motion to suspend the section of the bylaws that states you have to be a full time employee to be an association member until August 12. Seconded by Ron Wheeler, discussion, this allows time to get notice and any other bylaw changes out to the members with only doing one mailing to keep the cost down, vote, passed.

A sign up sheet was passed around for all present to write new officers information and email so the web page can be updated.

Guest Speaker

Doug Van Camp attorney with Hendren and Andrae Law Office from Jefferson City spoke to us and gave hand outs on workman's comp.

Broke for lunch at 11:30. Meeting reconvened at 12:30.

Legislative Report

Mark reported that he had a meeting with Dave DeWitt. MoDot doesn't feel they can support our bills because of the cost issue. However no one can tell us how much the cost is. Mark told Dave that the association would continue with the fight. Mark has met with Harry Hill a couple of times to discuss our bills. Harry's reports should be on the web sight soon. Went over the bills we have submitted. If MoDot asks for our support or help we will be there to assist if possible.

Lobby Day – Harry has been asked to get April 18th approved for lobby day. The question was asked if we wanted to do the Ice Cream Social again. The consensus was that it was very well received last year and we should do it again. Mark had talked to Dave Snider about everyone wearing Safety Vest for the day, Dave approved it but Mark will talk to Pete to double check. He is also going to invite Pete to come by the capital.

Items from the Floor

The question was asked if anyone knew anything about the DROP program being dropped. A few people had heard the rumor, but no one knew for sure. Dave O'Connor will call the retirement board to see what he can find out.

Discussion on what wellness money could be used for.

Motion made to adjourn by Paul Earley, second by Tommy Atkins, vote, passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:10p.m.

