

**NEBRASKA OPERATION LIFESAVER
STATE COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 14, 2015

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Carol Daley called the meeting to order and Gary Sydzyik gave the safety briefing.

INTRODUCTIONS

Billy Anderson, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Deb Ashworth, Union Pacific Railroad

Marshall Barth, Nebraska Safety Center

Carol Daley, Executive Director – NE OL

Mike Foster, Union Pacific Railroad

Robert Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads

Megan Grimes, Nebraska Ethanol Board

Hilda Gurwell, Union Pacific Railroad

Linda Kearns, Nebraska Office of Highway Safety

Richard Kotan, Omaha Public Power District

Pat Leahy, Union Pacific Railroad

Sean Owings, Nebraska Department of Roads

Ron Scholz, Retired

Grace Snoke, News Link

Stu Sutherland, Retired

Gary Sydzyik, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

Jeri Willms, Retired

Statistics:

Bob Grant discussed the following handouts (see attachments).

- o Nebraska Traffic Fatality Toll Comparison as of May 14, 2015
- o 2015 Nebraska Railroad Fatalities – Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities/Non-Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities

Carol Daley discussed the following handouts (see attachments).

- o Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Statistics Worksheet (January-December 2014)
- o Operation Lifesaver, Inc. Statistics Worksheet (January-December 2015)
- o Federal Railroad Administration – One Year Accident//Incident Overview - 2015

Board and Officer Report:

Board:

The NE OL Board of Directors met prior to the committee meeting. Those in attendance were: Deb Ashworth, Carol Daley, Megan Grimes, Rick Kotan, Ron Scholz, Gary Sydzyik and Linda Kearns. The Board members discussed the following items: 2015 Finances, trailer and presenter training update, "See Tracks? Think Train" media project, Nebraska 501©3 status, state meeting date change, State Coordinator Summit, and the 2015 Fundraiser.

General Secretary/Supplies:

If you are in need of supplies, contact Carol Daley at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcadaley@cox.net. We also have large "See Tracks? Think Train" vehicle decals available for anyone who would like them.

Treasurer:

Balance on hand as of April 30, 2015 was \$39,075.69.

Old Business:**NEOL Meeting Date and Location Change**

Save the date for the next NEOL Board and Committee meeting which will be held in North Platte on July 23, 2015 at the Community College. More information will be provided prior to the meeting.

Website/Facebook Operation Lifesaver - Nebraska – Megan Grimes

Megan Grimes gave a presentation on NE OL Website/Facebook Updates. Be sure to check out the website at www.nebraskaol.org. If you have anything you would like to add to the website or Facebook page, contact Megan Grimes at megblume@gmail.com.

Nebraska Application for 501© 3 Status - Carol

The paperwork for the 501© 3 status is close to being finalized.

OLAV Deadline: April 30, 2015

Presenters will need to start using the new OLAV presentations after April 30, 2015. Continue to use your old flip charts (Large Image Cards) until new ones are available. Presentations will need to be sent to Carol so she can verify and enter into the system. Carol can be contacted at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcadaley@cox.net.

NE OL Mobile Training Trailer – Carol

Dan Chapp will work on getting the wrap completed and finding a place to store it in Lincoln. The final decision on the wrap on the outside of the NE OL trailer with a universal OL message will need to be generic and has not been decided on at this time. Anyone who has ideas for the graphic design for the outside wrap of the trailer can contact Carol Daley at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcadaley@cox.net.

OLAV Face-to-Face Training – Carol Daley

Carol and Deb Ashworth completed an OLAV face-to-face training in North Platte on May 1, 2015, with five new presenters. There are a total of 65 active presenters at this time who have finished the required mentor program.

New Business:**Partners of Nebraska OL / Grant from OLI – Ron Scholz**

National Operation Lifesaver Inc. is providing the NE OL with a grant for \$14,000 for railroad safety. NE OL will be working on the "See Tracks? Think Train!" national and local level 2015 campaign. This year we would like to do a better job of getting the message out through radio spots, billboards, clings, etc. Suggestions were made to contact Soybean Board, Corn Board, Co-ops, etc. to see if they would be interested in partnering with NE OL in the ad "See Tracks? Think Train!" campaign.

Fundraiser Update – Carol Daley

NE OL will be sponsoring another raffle in 2015. Larry Johnson is providing four Nebraska football tickets to the September 12th game against South Alabama. For tickets to the drawing either contact Carol at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcadaley@cox.net or Hilda Gurwell at 402-578-2509 or by email at hfgurwell48@cox.net. (See attached poster for more information)

Trespassing/Suicide – Chip Frazier

Chip Frazier gave the presentation "Potential Countermeasures to Mitigate Suicides on the Rights-of-Way" by Scott H. Gabree, PhD. research.

State Coordinator Summit – Carol Daley

Carol attended the State Coordinator Summit in Florida on April 20-23, 2015. Carol gave the presentation "People, Purpose and Passion" to the committee members on the workshop she attended.

Projects:

Volunteer for Events / Train Show / College World Series / State Fair

Volunteers are needed for the train show, college world series and the state fair. Be sure to check the website for a full list. Contact Carol at 402-885-8572 or by email at neolcadaley@cox.net or Hilda Gurwell at 402-578-2509 or by email at hfgurwell48@cox.net if you are able to help at any of these events.

Open Discussion:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes were taken by Linda Kearns. Any corrections or additions will be noted at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kearns, Board Member/Recording Secretary

NE OL State Meeting Dates:

July 23, 2015 - NE OL State Committee Meeting, Mid Plains Community College at North Platte, NE