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Nebraska Operation Lifesaver

Minutes of State Committee Meeting

March 9, 2017

1) Safety Briefing – Billy Anderson

2) Introductions

Billy Anderson, BNSF Railroad
Deb Ashworth, Union Pacific (UP) - Retired
William Bivin
Daniel Chapp, BNSF Railroad
Bill Cleveland, Federal Railroad Administration
Carol Daley, Executive Director – NE OL
Pam Fogle
Bob Grant, Nebraska Department of Roads
Megan Grimes, Nebraska Ethanol Board
Hilda Gurwell, UP - Retired
Tom Hillyard, UP - Retired
Holly Kelley
Taylor Kelley, Nebraska Central Railroad
Marvin Kohout, Traffic Safety Plus
Pat Leahy, Union Pacific Railroad
Cindy Littrell, Union Pacific Railroad
Mike Meyer, Nebraska State Patrol
Christine Saxon, Union Pacific Railroad
Jeff Schmid, BNSF - Retired
Grace Snoke, News Link
Jeri Wilms
Guest speaker – Amanda Miller

3) Statistics – Bob Grant

- a) No fatalities at grade crossings or to trespasser's so far this year.
- b) Overall traffic crashes and fatalities are up this year to date over last year and up over the 5-year average.

4) Board and Officer Reports

- a) Financials for 2017
 - i) We received our BNSF contribution on or about February 1st.
 - ii) UP's contribution should come in around April 1st.
 - iii) We received a good response to the fundraising letters that Carol sends out yearly.
 - iv) We have received our reimbursement from National OLI for our travel expenses from 2016.

5) Old Business

- a) Web Site – Megan Grimes
- b) Facebook – Megan Grimes

- i) Megan used some of her OLAV award gift card to 'boost' our Facebook Page. This will allow more people to see and 'like' our page and may increase our traffic through our page.
- c) **Nebraska (West End) Update** – Pat Leahy
 - i) Pat covers the entire UP North Platte Service Unit (NPSU), which extends from Marysville, KS to Gillette, WY and Cheyenne, WY.
 - ii) The NPSU has had 6 grade crossing collisions in each of the past 3 years. Two, in each of the past 2 years, have been UP Employees.
 - iii) UP has Pat focusing on Employee Startup Meetings and on Agricultural entities.
 - iv) The NPSU also had 4 pedestrian/trespasser fatalities last year.
- d) **Trailer/Train Show** – Update – Dan Chapp
 - i) The NEOL trailer has many upcoming reservations; including one in March 2018.
 - ii) Dan is taking the older trailer into the shop to have the wheel bearings, tires, and A/C checked and repaired as necessary.
 - iii) The Lincoln Train Show was well attended. They sold 1600 tickets on Saturday and 600 on Sunday. Children 12 & under do not require a ticket, so we don't have a count on them.
- e) **New OLAV program for volunteers** (rules for quarterly drawing)
 - i) The drawing for the \$100.00 gift card for the first quarter of 2017 will be at the OLAV Appreciation Day on April 19th.
- f) **Iowa & Nebraska Face/Face Class** – Monday, March 20, 2017 - Council Bluffs
- g) **OLAV Appreciation Training Day** will be at the Beaver Lake Clubhouse (9410 Clubhouse Circle, Plattsmouth, NE) on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 and starts at 8:30
 - i) Speakers will be:
 - (1) Chad Deasy with the UP Special Agents
 - (2) Joe Marr of BNSF with his Bomb Dog
 - (3) Kurt Blodgett of UP
 - (4) Fred Zwonechek of the NDOR Highway Safety Office
 - (5) Christine Saxon of UP
 - (6) Bill Wimmer – retired UP VP
 - (7) There will be a tour of Mr. Wimmer's railroad museum after the conference.
- 6) **New Business**
 - a) **Elections:**
 - i) Elections were held.
 - ii) The slate of Board Members offered were Rich Kotan, Linda Kearns, and Mike Meyer.
 - iii) Nominations from the floor were requested; but no nominations were received.
 - iv) The vote was by voice vote and the vote for the slate of Board Members was unanimous.
 - b) **2017 Raffle Grand Prizes:**
 - i) 2 sets of Nebraska Football Tickets
 - (1) 1 set for the September 2nd Arkansas State game
 - (2) 1 set for the September 16th University of Illinois game.
 - ii) 2 Footballs and 2 Helmets each signed by Tom Osborne
 - iii) BNSF Train Picture by Gregg Garrett
 - iv) A Nebraska quilt hand-made by Carol Daley (NEOL State Coordinator)
 - v) The drawing will be held on August 15th
 - c) **Presentation Opportunities:**
 - i) Hilda stated that there are many opportunities to volunteer

- **2017 FEI World Cup Dressage Final** at the Century Link Center, March 29 – April 2nd, Tom Hillyard is our lead on this event. He would like to have at least 3 volunteers per shift. Free parking Lot A 10th & Capitol. There is a coupon in the latest Value Pac. Posted on our Face Book page
 - **NCAA College World Series**, June 16 – 27th, TD Ameritrade Park
 - **“Nebraska150 Express” Tour:**
 - Friday, August 4 Depart Omaha - Noon – Columbus, Late Afternoon – North Platte
 - Saturday, August 5 Morning – Ogallala, Noon – Sidney, Evening – Gering
 - Sunday, August 6 Morning – Kearney, Noon – Grand Island, Return to Omaha
 - **Nebraska State Fair**, August 25 – September 4th, Grand Island, NE
 - **OL Day at the Storm Chaser’s baseball game**, May 27, 2017, 5:15 pm until close at Werner Park - 12356 Ballpark Way Papillion, NE. The ‘See Tracks Think Trains’ costume will be there, OL trailer will be outside, and special events featuring OL.
- d) **Demo of prize wheel** – Deb Ashworth:
- i) Spin the wheel - win a prize
 - ii) Deb paid \$60 on eBay
 - iii) We would like to add another one to put with the NEOL trailer.
 - (1) Prerequisite to spinning wheel would be to have a presentation.
- 7) **Guest Speaker:** Amanda Miller – Mothers Against Drunk Drivers
- a) Alcohol related fatalities in Nebraska (2015) – 83
 - b) Alcohol related crashes in Nebraska (2015) – 681
 - c) DUI arrests in Nebraska (2015) – 8,199
 - d) DUI convictions in Nebraska (2015) – 7,139
 - e) Police must be very meticulous with their arrest procedures to get a conviction.
 - f) They added ‘Drugged Driver’ in 2015
 - g) They support Law Enforcement’s efforts
 - h) They support ‘interlocks’ in cars to keep intoxicated operators from driving
 - i) Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving
 - j) Victim Services
 - k) Power of Parents
 - l) PowerTalk 21
 - m) Power of You(th)
- 8) **Projects**
- a) Professional Photographer Letter
 - i) Chip Frazier’s email was delivered to the National Advisory Council’s meeting in Denver this week.

Adjournment

Minutes taken by Rich Kotan. Any corrections or additions will be noted at the next meeting.

Next meeting May 11, 2017 – NEOL State Meeting, Havelock Shops, 6600 Burlington Ave. Lincoln, NE