

**HCSP SECRETARY'S REPORT  
APRIL 7, 2017 MEETING**

**The meeting of the Houston Council of Safety Professionals was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairman Mike Honeycutt.**

The invocation was given, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Afterward, there were self-introductions from all attendees.

**Secretary's Report** - A copy of the March 10<sup>th</sup> Secretary's Report was on all tables and has been posted on the HCSP website. The Chairman motioned to accept the report - motion was accepted by Dan Woolcock, seconded by Trucker Joe.

**Treasurer's Report** - A copy of the Treasurer's Report was on all tables and has been posted on the HCSP website. Treasurer Lonnie Bennett gave an update:

Beginning balance - \$7,922.41

- Deposits: \$2,250.00 (cash and checks), \$2,675.00 (credit card)

Amount Spent:

- Credit card usage for Feb 2017 - \$163.61
- Brady's Landing - \$1,763.82
- Trophy's - \$326.16
- Pocket protectors - 47.85
- P.O. Box - \$75

Ending balance - \$10,471.97

*\*Still need to deposit funds from golf tournament.*

The Chairman motioned to accept the report - motion was accepted by Dan Danek, seconded by Trucker Joe. Chairman Honeycutt thanked Lonnie for doing an exceptional job.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership Dues** - Attendees were reminded that **2017 Annual Dues are due**. Please see Treasurer Lonnie Bennett to pay your **\$75 dues** - cash, check, and credit are accepted. Invoices will be emailed to members. Please remember your dues offset other expenses the council endures.

HCSP caps are still available for purchase for \$20 - only 14 left. See Alternate Board Member David Mireles.

**Golf Tournament** - Second Vice Chair Jay Ferguson discussed the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Annual HCSP Golf Tournament which was held April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Battleground Deer Park Golf Course. There were 18 hole sponsors and goodie bag sponsors. A total of 15 teams competed, and the winners are:

- First place team – Tom Hartman, Steve Blake, Kit Caston, and Gary Slot
- Second place team – The Palletized Team
- Third place team – Jack Parker, Curtis Parker, Andrew Hartman, Gary Demine
- Dead last team – The No Names
- Closest to pin and longest drive – Curtis Parker

Thanks to all who came out and helped make the event a tremendous success. We had a good time at the new venue, with a few hiccups – already discussing with our golf course point of contact. The numbers are still being tallied to give an updated report next month – approximately \$3,600.00 to the positive. Please send photos from the event and any feedback to [info@HCSP.info](mailto:info@HCSP.info).

**Regional TDC** - The 2017 HCSP Houston Regional Truck Driving Championship (TDC) will be held May 13<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to submit applications with payment is May 6<sup>th</sup> (no refunds). We expect approximately 100 drivers to compete this year. The TDC usually ends around 2 PM. After the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will go to HCC to prepare for the event. We need law enforcement the day of the event; memos will be sent out soliciting help. Dan Danek and Dan Woolcock will be in charge of the pre-trip inspection station.

**DPS Challenge** - The DPS Challenge will be held July 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel. Challenge Coordinator, Sgt. Brad Gibson from Texas DPS CVE Training Unit gave an update. Volunteers and donations are needed.

**TXTA SMC** - SMC Chairman Mike Vix reported there was a great turn out at the TXTA SMC seminar in Waco – good topics and information was shared with attendees. The golf tournament went well. Planning is in process for the Kerrville conference in September, encourage all to plan to attend - more details can be found at [www.hcsp.info](http://www.hcsp.info). Steve Blake will pay for ladies golf teams.

**State TDC** - The 2017 State Truck Driving Championship will be held June 9-10 in College Station. The competition will move to Waco next year – A&M revamping the TEEX facility. Stay tuned for more info.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Road Patrol** - Robert Blanco gave update on Road Patrol. There were 14 officers and 11 industry personnel participated, with 77 truck inspections and the following violations: lights (6), load securement (13), oil leaks (2), reflective material missing (8), mud flaps (6), registration/inspection (3), tires (3), no seatbelt (7), weight (4), driving on wrong side of road (1), driver w/warrant (1), defective wipers/no washer fluid (1), broken frame (2), following too close (1), in non-truck lane (1), air leak (1), and brakes (1). A dedicated observation form is used to document the findings. You can apply for a Road Patrol number on the TXTA website. Thanks to Jill Comeaux for donating clipboards and pencils (will also be used for the TDC).

**Regulatory News** - Steve Blake updated the membership about a new action taking place across the state at roadside inspections and driver license offices. Truck drivers are being required to produce a TX liability insurance card for combination units (truck/trailer - historically this has never been asked for). Some were denied the ability to test because of this. In some cases they didn't accept an insurance card which stated "all leased and owned vehicles" were covered, had to be VIN specific. This was new to the industry and no one at the Waco TXTA seminar could provide an answer. \*Capt. Bruce James from Garland offered his assistance to resolve this matter. He sent an email to TXTA and this issue has been resolved. There will be no more requiring drivers to present auto liability cards at roadside inspections, CDL offices, nor inspection locations. This was never in the law and it's not known why it happened. Thank you to Captain Bruce James!

Also, many have had difficulty registering trucks and trailers with combination tags and token trailer tags. The auto registration office would say "your inspection is more than 90 days old; we are not going to register your vehicle". At multiple locations across the state drivers have been told by auto registration personnel that they would not read the law, and stated the system will not let them register the trailer. This has also been resolved - The TX DMV registration manual states "the 90 day window does not apply to commercial motor vehicles" (the manual is dated January 2017). A PDF copy of the manual will be posted on the HCSP website. Steve also stated that the specific areas have been highlighted in the manual.

Chairman Honeycutt stated that Major Nordlow sent an email asking industry folks if they have been seeing missing driver's license and/or medical card eligibility info (60 days after medical card expiration drivers license will be downgraded to class C). DPS sent out a memo to TX drivers stating that thousands of medical cards were lost. After the first 2-3 months, DPS allowed renewal/reversal and would reinstate your license for \$11 if you could show a current medical card. Now that the problem has been resolved, downgrading of licenses has begun again and no more reversals will be allowed. When renewing medical cards, leave your doctor's office and go straight to the DPS office and pay the \$11 to upload your medical card. You can check your information at the eligibility website.

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**Scholarship Fund** - Chairman Honeycutt stated the golf tournament proceeds go to the HCSP Scholarship Fund. All members / children are eligible – submit application to the council; scholarships will be awarded in June. Application is posted on the website or can be emailed to you. YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER TO APPLY.

**Regional TDC** - The board will meet at Mike's office to discuss the TDC – volunteers and equipment is needed. Robert Blanco is the TDC Chairman and needs lots of help from the veteran members. Honeycutt will be scorekeeper; we also need someone to double check the numbers.

- Palletized – bringing stage
- HP (David) – supplying cones
- Honeycutt – replacing PA system
- Jill Comeaux – 2 tables (6 ft ea.)
- S&S Steel (Tanner Hickman) – may be able to donate trailer (6x12 single axle, cargo trailer); will purchase wheel lock for new trailer. *\*Phil Carpenter will provide security for new trailer.*

Also need: tents, ice chests w/wheels, and 20 chairs.

Trophies have been ordered, already have hats for volunteers. Food provided: breakfast tacos, and various companies will feed volunteers. Event starts early – 6-7:00 AM registration. It gets pretty hot and there have been storms at previous TDCs (carry rain gear).

If your company submitted contestants we need you to donate equipment also (FedEx donating the same as last year). Iron Horse is no longer in business, as well as other large clients.

**Upcoming Events** : June – State TDC, July – Past Chairman Recognition Month, August – open, September –Elections (one position open)

**Health Update**: Glen Honeycutt getting out of rehab, slowly improving. Bill Durham is doing well.

**Door prize sponsors:**

1. Clark Freight Lines
2. Kacals
3. Limeco

The Chairman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 PM - motion accepted by Tim Magee and seconded by Mr. Sherman.