

## **Secretary's Report for the December 9, 2016 HCSP Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Robert Blanco shortly after noon. Chairman Danek was out of town.

The invocation was given by Hal Miller and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were made.

A request was made for members to remember our first responders and our military personnel during the holiday season.

The Secretary's Report of the minutes for the month of November were on the tables and also noted to be on the website. A motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made by David Mireles and seconded by Mike Ludeke. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Lonnie Bennett. There was a starting balance of \$5932.37 and an ending balance of \$6298.90. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mike Ludeke and seconded by Lee Hendricks. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Blanco made a reminder of Trucking Day at the Texas State Capitol in Austin on January 31, 2017.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Blanco reminded everyone of the TXTA Spring Safety Management Council Conference in Waco, set of March 22-24, 2017.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Blanco advised that Chairman Danek had made the decision to postpone filling the Alternate board position left vacant by the resignation of Becky Erndt until he was able to participate. This position will be filled at the January council meeting.

The councils trailer that was stolen in November is still missing and presumed to not be returning. There was no new information on this.

A reminder was made that during this Christmas season the membership should be safety conscious.

There are still Safety Council caps available for \$20.00.

## **New Business**

Steve Blake discussed third party testing. The clearinghouse rule was finalized on 12-5-16 and will be effective 1-5-17.

Texas has had such a rule, but now there is a federal rule.

Carriers will be required to query this system prior to hiring and must also query it annually for all drivers.

Carriers will be required to list drug and alcohol violations in this system. There will be a fee for queries, but the amount is unknown at this time.

Martin Garsee from Houston Community College spoke on new hires and licensing. He advised that third party testing has created chaos at DPS. Testing and re-testing times are supposed to be no more than 7 days, but that isn't occurring.

The commercial learners permit became operational on 12-12-16. The written test is good for 90 days, but there is a problem in that the driving test can't be scheduled within that time period.

The Joe Atkinson Distinguished Safety Award applications were to be submitted by the end of business on the day of the December meeting.

There was no further new business offered from the floor.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Jay Ferguson then got the Christmas game underway and fun was had by all.

The Ugly Sweater contest was won by treasurer Lonnie Bennett who was wearing a stunning fashion design created by his children, complete with flashing lights. Sharon McDougle came in second.

Door prizes were then awarded.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hal Miller and was seconded by BL Manry. Motion carried.