

SCAPT Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017

South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation
April Board Meeting

President Herbert McNeil calls Executive Session to order at 10:04 a.m.

I. Nothing for executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

General Session called to order at 10:05 a.m.

A. ROAD-E-O --- Dennis Jones:

The date for the ROAD-E-O is November 4th with November 18th being a backup date.

There was discussion about this being the same week as NAPT. There are several Board members including the President and Past President who will be attending NAPT. It was decided that the Board members who are left will assist with the ROAD-E-O.

Herbert stated that Mr. Podmore had expressed interest in being involved with the ROAD-E-O and that he had mentioned cooking. Herbert will reach out to him about doing lunch that day for the event.

Dennis expressed a huge need for judges and encouraged everyone to send in any driver/trainers who would be interested.

Everything should be finalized by Monday, September 25th and ready to be sent out.

There was discussion surrounding the fees and a desire to increase interest. Jim Wright made a motion to make all fees \$10 per person. Dave Weissman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Committee - Nominations:

1. Audit:

The Audit Committee consist of – Cheryl Harnage, Teresa Gaskins and Maria McClure.

2. Legislative:

The Legislative Committee consist of – Bill Kurts, Wes Fleming, Dave Weissman, David Poag, Ronnie Townsend, Herbert McNeil and Jim Wright

3. By-Law:

4. Nominating:

Due to the resignation of Stephanie Choate Nominating will wait until the next SCAPT meeting.

5. Conference:

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6. Tournament:

The Tournament Committee consist of – Jim Wright and Wes Fleming

C. Vendor Update – Bill Kurts:

Bill began by stating that there was great support this past summer at the conference with the vendors, in fact we had to turn a vendor away as there was no room. He went on to state that we need to contact Double Tree to make sure that we have the ground floor for the conference this summer as it is more room and easier access for the vendors.

There was discussion about the day of the Vendor Show during the conference as many vendors have conflicts as this is their busiest time of the year. It was decided that the day needs to remain on Monday as this seemed to work well for all.

Bill stated that there was a cost increase this year with Double Tree as opposed to Springmaid and a discussion followed surrounding the need to increase vendor booth fees. Dave Weissman made a motion to raise the booth fees from \$750 to \$850. Motion was seconded by Wes Fleming and passed unanimously. A second motion was brought forward by Dave Weissman to charge vendors a late fee after May1st and that fee would be \$1000 after that date. Carmen Wilks seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Fall Directors Meeting:

Herbert began the discussion by stating that there had been email issues and several had never received an email from him. He went on to say that he is trying to rectify the situation. In the future he will also be sending a text message along with the email and if an individual receives a text message and not an email, please contact Herbert and he will try to fix it. This is a double check system to make sure that his correspondence is getting out.

Herbert then went on to say that the Director's Meeting will be October 19th and 20th at North Charleston Marriott. Theresa Taylor will be the moderator. Tim Camp requested to speak after lunch as he has in the past as this seems to work the best for him. Herbert is working on the agenda will be getting it out shortly.

Bill stated that as of this date only 27 had registered for the Director's Meeting and more were needed to meet the minimum for the room discount. Discussion followed over the concern about the emails and also having a correct list of Directors. Theresa suggested having each Region Director reach out to the Directors in their regions and get current email addresses as well as a current list and get all information to Herbert. She also mentioned emailing the Superintendents also as a great source in the event that a Director had left the district the Superintendent would then be able to provide accurate information.

There was discussion about the room rate as the link provided by the Marriott reflected \$134, but the contract is for \$149. So the cost would \$149 to stay.

Bill stated that he was working on getting a vendor to cover lunch and the cost for the lunch would more than likely put the vendor in line with being a Gold Sponsor. He will continue to work on this before the Director's Meeting.

E. 2017 SCAPT Conference Recap Discussion:

Theresa reported that there were only 5 responses to the Conference Survey, however it seemed that the overall consensus was that the conference had been very good.

Discussion followed about the conference and Herbert asked that everyone keep up with their ideas for future planning.

F. Legislative Update – Ronnie Townsend:

Ronnie reported that things were quiet at this time as they were not in session yet.

He also stated that since SCAPT was incorporated a revised Board list had to be forwarded to the attorneys and that he would have everyone sign at the next Board Meeting.

David Poag inquired to Ronnie as to whether or not it was a good idea to invite Representative Todd Rutherford to the Director's Meeting in October in reference to the Stop Arm bill. After discussion it was decided

that it probably would be a good idea to invite Representative Rutherford to the Director's Meeting in October in North Charleston at the Marriott. Discussion followed concerning a room offer for Representative Rutherford. A motion was made by Dave Weissman to pay for a one night stay if Representative Rutherford accepts the offer. David Poag seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ronnie Townsend will contact Representative Rutherford.

Ronnie mentioned that he had come across a copy of 1985-1989 Committees for SCAPT. He stated that they had listed the names of who was on each committee and that it would be a good idea if we followed this example. Discussion followed and it was decided that the manual as well as the website will be updated.

G. Adjournment:

The question was raised about the October Board meeting as to the location. Discussion followed and it was decided that the Board Meeting would be moved to North Charleston at the Marriott at 2:00 p.m. on the 18th preceding the Director's Meeting on the 19th. Wes Fleming made a motion to move the Director's Meeting to North Charleston Marriott at 2:00 p.m. on the 18th. Ryan Cothran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further discussion or questions the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon by President McNeil.

In Attendance:

Herbert McNeil, President
Wes Fleming, Past President
Jim Wright, President Elect
Dave Weissman, At Large
Cheryl, Harnage, Region 1
Carmen Wilks, Region 4
David Poag, Region 6
Ryan Cothran, Region 7
Theresa Taylor, Region 8
Thomas Orr, Region 9
Ronnie Townsend, Legislative Liaison
Bill Kurts, Vendor Liaison
Dennis Jones, ROAD-E-O

Absent:

Stephanie Choate, Secretary/Treasurer

Lamar Atkins, Co-Treasurer/Historian

Franklin James, Region 2

Karin Wilson, Region 3

Bernard Gill, Region 5

Minutes by: Theresa Taylor