

MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 13, 2012 HCSP Meeting

Meeting started at 12:12 P.M.

Invocation given by Glenn Honeycutt

Moment of silence was observed for Mrs. Atkinson – Joe Atkinson wife, Mrs. Kennedy, and Tom Hartman's father.

Secretary's report of the minutes had a motion to accept by John Lindsey and seconded by Dan Danek.

Treasurer's report had a motion to accept by Hal Miller and seconded by Joe Caldwell.

Chairman Hartman orated a 2012 Welcome speech about the exciting events planned for the upcoming New Year.

Chairman Hartman then called for Old Business:

He recapped the last meeting with the Christmas Trivia and then recognized the wonderful job the Blue Santa program has done for years. The success of the Blue Santa program is due in large part, to the hard work of the officers involved in the program, and the generosity of those who contribute. He thanked David Mireles for a wonderful job and dedication he put into the program.

Chairman Hartman reminded the council that April was our next road patrol. San Antonio won the banner away from Houston, and it's up to the membership to get it back. San Antonio is really challenging us to work for it. Chairman Hartman also reminded the membership that road patrols are not limited to our twice a year organized road patrol dates. Membership can road patrol anytime!

NEW BUSINESS:

Major Palmer has been promoted to Deputy Director of I.T. He is the president of CVSA among other, many, attributes. Major Palmer will remain president of the CVSA and will still be able to maintain the duties of that position. HCSP wishes him well in his new position and we are happy to congratulate him on his Promotion!

Chairman Hartman went on to speak of Bruce James and Heron Vidales. They are chairing the challenge in College Station June 14 through June 16, 2012. There are six regional challenges. Officers in Houston and Dallas competed in these challenges last year. Troopers and inspectors perform level ones and written test during these competitions on buses, coaches and tankers. HCSP is a big sponsor of this challenge. Heron Vidales assisted in putting the program together. CVSA awarded HCSP a platinum sponsorship plaque. Chairman Hartman explained that the program has come a long way from its inception. It's really something to see and it's a great network to be involved in. Major Palmer competed and went on to win Nationals one year!

Chairman Hartman discussed the upcoming Golf Tournament slated for March 7, 2012 at Cinco Ranch. It's a beautiful course, and everyone had a really great time over the last several years that we held it at Cinco Ranch. Warriner and Associates are going to provide the Bloods and Screws cart again. It was a great success in the last few years and the council really appreciates the service! The Golf Tournament is what funds our scholarship program for the high school graduates. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and there will be trophies awarded and lots of door prizes. Anyone wishing to donate door prizes can contact First Alternate Lawrence Riley, or anyone of the Executive Committee members.

Chaplain Ben requested a moment to speak with the membership. He spoke about Driver Appreciation Day and how he had spoken to drivers about what a difference it had made in the lives of the drivers who had been blessed by the council's sponsorship at the scale houses.

Speaker Steve Blake:

Recapped the CVSA/Portal/DataQ information from the conference that morning. He said to approach all challenges prepared, professionally, and with respect.

The state agencies have had federal training on how to answer these challenges. These challenges give us the ability of communicating and documenting transportation challenges quickly with supporting documentation.

The Compass Portal is a one stop shop when utilized. Without the Compass Portal you would have to go to each individual entity and multiple sites to get what you need, and to check your data.

Chairman Hartman asked if the membership could upload the video of what was discussed in the morning conference. Steve Blake explained that it was not available yet.

Should you send pictures when challenging in DataQ? Yes. Picture taken at the site where the citation was issued and specifically dealing with the citation. Pictures taken after the fact or off the site where the citation was issued will not normally help you challenge.

Chairman Hartman thanked Mr. Blake for his time and the information. Next Chairman Hartman introduced Glenn Honeycutt to talk about the Joe Atkins Award. Speaker Honeycutt spoke of the well-deserved respect that the industry had for Joe Atkins and of the many deeds of kindness and compassion as well as his firm stance on the support of the regulations that Joe Atkins showed during his illustrious career. Speaker Honeycutt spoke of the three top priorities in Joe Atkins' life. God, Family and his profession. He thanked Joe Atkins for making him the person he is today.

Chairman Hartman then asked Bill Durham to join him at the podium to announce the winner of the 24th annual Joe Atkins award. Mike Vix. Mike Vix then came up to receive his jacket and lapel pin in recognition of his hard work and dedication to this industry.

Honoree Mike Vix gave a short acceptance speech. He said he was very honored to even be nominated, much less chosen to be honored by this award. He looked up to the other past recipients who had just been recognized by Bill Durham's request for them to stand. Mike told the membership that he would continue to work hard and to try and continue to earn this honor. His parting respects were paid to his Company for their support, The council at large, his wife and the Committee he served on.

Before he left the podium, Secretary Mike Vix addressed the membership regarding their contact information. Anyone not receiving the emails from the executive committee should see him after the meeting or email him and he would verify their information was correct on the distribution list.

Chairman Hartman let the attendees' of the morning meeting be aware their attendance certification would arrive to them via email.

Door prizes were issued and meeting was adjourned. Motion to adjourn by John Lindsey and seconded by David Mireles.