

These are the minutes for the December 11, 2009 meeting of the Houston Council of Safety Professionals.

Chairwoman Honeycutt called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed all those in attendance.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Ben McGreggor and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairwoman Honeycutt began the meeting by discussing the current status on the Council website and apologized for the inactive status. She went on to explain that they had been diligently working with the current webmaster on getting the website up and running. If there is not change by the following week the council may have no choice but to go with an alternate company. If this should be necessary, then our current website address will be changed.

The distribution list was then discussed and Chairwoman Honeycutt announced that if anyone was not currently receiving the minutes and emails, they should notify Secretary Jill Comeaux. She would be happy to add them onto the distribution list. At that time she requested a motion to carry for accepting the minutes for the November meeting that were transmitted by email to the membership. Motion to accept by Tim Mcgee and seconded by Hal Miller.

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested that Treasurer Mike Honeycutt give the membership an update on the council's financial status. Following that Chairwoman Honeycutt requested a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Hal Miller and motion seconded by Phyllis Kennedy.

Chairwoman Honeycutt continued on with the Joe Atkinson award nominations. She alerted the membership to the upcoming cut off date of December 15, 2009. She estimated that the results would be considered and a conclusion reached by December 22, 2009.

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested that First Vice Angela Lam report on the Special Olympics Convoy held in November. First Vice Angela Lam reported that there were 63 trucks present with strong police presence for escorts. There were two companies that tied for most trucks, Wal-mart and Palletized Trucking. She thanked both companies for their strong support of such a worthy cause. First Vice Angela Lam went on to report that the reception of the convoy by the general public on Highway 249 was very positive this year and many people waved wholeheartedly as the convoy went by. This was a drastic change from previous years when the viewing public looked on with few waves.

Chairwoman Honeycutt returned to the podium and requested that the council sign a greeting on the Christmas cards placed on the luncheon tables. These Christmas cards would be mailed to the deserving soldiers currently recovering from heroic wounds received in action in the war. The soldiers are currently in Brooks Army Medical facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested Second Vice Tom Hartman report to the council on the plans for the upcoming HCSP Golf Tournament. Second Vice Tom Hartman announced to the council that the date for the 2010 HCSP Golf Tournament would be March 8, 2010. The new location would be the Cinco Ranch Golf Course located in Katy, TX. The cost would be \$75.00 per player or \$300.00 per team. The cost included breakfast, lunch, and a complimentary round of golf for each player who played in the tournament. The awards and door prizes would follow after lunch. He is actively looking for hole sponsorships, and team sponsors.

Chairwoman Honeycutt announced that the date set for the 2010 Truck Rodeo is set for May 15, 2010 at this time.

Treasurer Mike Honeycutt spoke on the IEP Intermodal Equipment Conference that he had attended the day before held by the GCCP (Gulf Coast Chassis Pool). He explained that the Chassis Pool and how it works. Currently there is a lot of displeasure among trucking companies as to how the chassis pools run their inspection documentation process when drivers pick up chassis, as well as the extremely poor condition that most of the chassis are in when the drivers pick them up. New rules were invoked on December 17, 2009. Treasurer Mike Honeycutt also referred to the ruling that the chassis is required to be stenciled and how the chassis pools get around that regulation as well.

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested that Treasurer Honeycutt next address the council regarding the upcoming changes for CSA 2010. Treasurer Honeycutt explained that CSA 2010 was not yet very definitive on the effects of CSA 2010 on the motor carrier. 1/1/2010 is the slated date for kick off of this new program, but enforcement is not expected until 7/1/2010. Now is the time to get registered and set up on the Compass Portal if anyone has not yet done this. The current SafeStat rating system will soon be replaced by this CSA 2010 program. He noted that the last two years roadside inspections will go directly into the Compass Portal Program. Everything that goes into the Compass Portal will now count. All violations have a weight depending on their relation to crash potential. Ratings are between 1 and 10 with 1 being the best and 10 being the worst. There are still lots of gray areas that are not yet figured out so the whole translation is not yet known. It is understood at this time that when a driver receives a roadside violation he will receive literature explaining what he or she is expected to do and future performance expectations. The actual driver rating has been pushed back. We have a "cheat sheet" available that you can enter the violation and it will tell you the weight. If you are interested in having this contact Treasurer Mike Honeycutt. You need to make sure that you check your portal at least once every thirty days. The council is

currently working with the Federal Compliance Division to see if they can do a seminar mid to early part of next year.

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested Second Vice Tom Hartman to address the council with a Christmas presentation about a soldier and his night before Christmas. This touching story of a soldier spent a tale about how this soldier spent a long and lonely cold night before waking up on Christmas Day to continue to defend his country and his people.

Remember Our Soldiers!

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested Glen Honeycutt, a current member and past Chairman of the council, to come forward and tell us about the story behind the tree presented by the “Peanuts” gang and why that tree was so important to Charlie Brown.

First Vice Angela Lam came to the podium and read a heartwarming rendition of “Yes Virginia – There is a Santa Clause”. The story of a little girl asking the news paper if there is a santa and the heartening response of faith and love by the newspaper.

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested Secretary Comeaux to step forward and explain the meaning of the “12 Days of Christmas”. Each of the days of Christmas had specific presents given by a true love. Each present was a hidden meaning from the days when specific religions were forbidden.

Treasurer Mike Honeycutt read a wonderful Christmas Poem to the council.
Remembering Christmas and what it’s all about!

The last Christmas Presentation was announced by Chairwoman Honeycutts young daughter. She introduced Santa Clause (played by Lonnie Bennet) and assisted him as he chose his reindeer. Our adorable elf passed our the reindeer antlers as Santa chose them. Reindeer were as follows:

Glenn Honeycutt
Linda Honeycutt
Vince Vargas
Brandy
Tim Mcgee
Jack Shell
Vicki Harrington
Mike Honeycutt

The last topic discussed before door prizes were handed out was the submission of baby pictures to the council by council members. Linda Honeycutt made a suggestion that an award be given to the cutest baby picture which would be voted on by the council. Easter is the deadline for all submissions of baby pictures.

Door Prizes were given out. Trucker Joe generously donated two pens for the meeting for door prizes.

Chairwoman Honeycutt requested a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Glenn Honeycutt and seconded by Linda Honeycutt.