

International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.
Law Enforcement Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015

Attendance: Andrew Markle (ON); Dave Bales (KS); Barbara Arkwright (VA); Dave Couprie (MB); Michael Klingenberg (WI); Rob Chapple (SK); William Haynes (NH); Eric Belford (MT);

Board Representatives: Chuck Ulm (MD);

IFTA Representatives: Tammy Trinker

Regrets: Jennifer Brown (AZ); Frank Hernandez (NV); Bradley Cline (GA); Debbie Meise IFTA; Stuart Zion (CO) (Board Rep)

Call to order

Called to order by Chair Andrew Markle 14:06(EST).

Scribe: David Couprie (MB)

Approval of minutes from last meeting

March 2015 LEC meeting minutes approved. Motion made by Dave Bales, second by Eric Belford

Discussion ensued around missing minutes from Sept 2013 meeting. Rob Chapple said the meeting had been put over for some reason to the following Thursday, but no-one able to come up with minutes. Tammy asked we all search and if found, send them in.

Tammy also advised that we still need to approve the minutes for Jul/Aug//Nov 2014. She will send them out for electronic approval by the committee.

Open issues

- 1) LEC Vacant Positions: Andrew advised that Debbie was going to advise us of the current status of applicants, and would be sending an email to obtain a volunteer list. As Debbie was unable to attend today, this was tabled to May meeting.
- 2) Andrew began round table on M&M blitz. Advised that they had a very high average of violations this year. All members on the call updated the group on the current status of the blitz. All had completed the blitz, and are in the process of gathering the data from their other jurisdictions and will then enter same. Mike advised he was having problems accessing the program, and it was determined

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- that he did have the proper password. This will be fixed. All are preparing for the May Blitz. A reminder from Andrew to get stats entered.
- 3) Andrew bought up the concern that all new committee members need to be given a password to the LEC portion of the IFTA, Inc website, and a bit of a lesson on how to access and use it.
 - 4) Dave Bales recommended a letter or contact to all of our jurisdictions who took part in the IFTA blitz, thanking those who took part, and preparing them for the future. Andrew suggested we keep on top of our contacts as they are ever-changing. Most members have thanked those who took part already.
 - 5) Electronic Credentials: Dave Bales and Frank Hernandez have been our lead contacts on this issue. Dave advised we are likely going to see electronic credentials, but we are still battling the decal issue. He asked for everyone to submit to him our reasons for maintaining decals so he could take it forward next call. David C advised that in the world of more isolated areas, we do not have the advantage, or often the capability of accessing electronic records. The idea of no decals will lead to a huge disadvantage to law enforcement as we will need to be doing a greater number of trucks stopped to determine violations or compliance. Dave and Frank will keep up the good fight
 - 6) Best Practices guide: Re-worked by Eric and Dave B. It was sent to all committee members for comment. Eric advised all changes shown in red. One issue was identifying Qualified Vehicles. He asked that we all take the time to review this for the next call. David C suggested that for all of our information packages, we should adopt a common logo, such as the one on the shirts, or on the re-vamped LEC brochure. General agreement on this.
 - 7) New Shirts. No update available. David is still waiting for pricing from the supplier.
 - 8) Workshop Topics: Andrew suggested we need five or six topics. Following already identified
 - a. M&M Blitz (Andrew and Dave C)
 - b. Charles Mills award. Andrew wondered if we need to strike a committee. He does not want to see this extremely important issue become stale.

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General discussion that we retain the “fallen officers” presentation. Get in your nominations. Texas has confirmed they will help out with this.

- c. Fuel testing (Spectrometer etc) – Eric
- d. Concealment methods / Tobacco issues related – Barb
- e. Clearing House issues; Rob & Frank
- f. LEC 101 for newbies. All agreed this should also continue
- g. Discussion on Closed Session. So far this year no need seen, but will keep this in mind in case a requirement arises

This topic will continue as an open agenda item until the Workshop.

- 9)** IFTA Articles of Agreement review. No major issues identified. Dave B advised that it was important that all committee members be familiar with this, and was the main purpose of bring the item forward. Item now closed.
- 10)** CVSA Workshop – currently underway and being attended by Frank Hernandez on our behalf.
- 11)** IRP at Workshop and on committee. This was discussed at last meeting, and was brought forward for any further comments. Does not appear to be an issue at this time. Closed.
- 12)** Single Trip Permit discussions – shelved to next meeting. Andrew

Nest conference call Tuesday May 12, 2015. Scribe Rob Chapple (SK). Any new agenda items to be sent to Andrew.

ADJOURNED: 1:04 EDT

Minutes submitted by David Couprie