

# Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 4/8/08

## **Welcome**

I'd like to call this meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Maintenance and Technology Council to order at this time. This is your council and I encourage your involvement and hope everyone takes away some benefit for your time invested.

## **Housekeeping**

- Point out emergency exits.
- Informal Meeting format, feel free to use the facilities as needed and point out location.
- Out of courtesy to others, please turn off or put on silent cell phones and pagers, if you need to make a call step out of the room.
- We encourage participation but please wait to be recognized then stand and state your name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern these proceedings.

## **Introductions**

First we would like to thank Dave Mendez and Kris Zinszer from XscapeEZ for their presentation on the Wireless Roadside Safety Inspection Research Program.

Today we have Mr. Larry Cole of Trucking Experts, Inc. who will be sharing his experience based ways for us to control wrecker expenses.

Now I would like for us to do self-introductions,  
(acknowledge any first time attendees)

## **Safety message**

As the weather begins to warm up our thoughts begin to look at outdoor activities once again. We tend to start daydreaming of the golf course, riding motorcycles, different water sports etc. This can create a problem especially when we become distracted to the point that we almost end up in an accident. In our worlds of the shops it only takes a second to trip over something in the floor, slip on a spill or to be able to avoid an accident. This is not only true for ourselves but even more important to our employees. It only takes a second around a running engine to loose a finger or damage other body parts. Safety is not something we think about now and then but something that we should be living everyday of our lives.

## **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated**

The minutes were published on the web site after our last meeting in Northwest Arkansas. May we have a motion to approve those minutes? Is there a second?

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

Mr. Ed Szarmach will be presenting a report of the upcoming Technicians challenge.

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Ed said that the meeting went well at the last council meeting and will have a conference call next month.

## **Chairman's discussion**

With that said if there is anyone that is interested in becoming a presenter at future meetings please see Sarah Sheets or me.

With the annual meeting just around the corner it is time to begin to accept nominations for next year's officers. Any nominations can be submitted to any of the officers.

The Arkansas Trucking Associations annual meeting will be taking place at the Embassy Hotel in Rogers on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. More information on this can be found on the website [www.arkansastrucking.com](http://www.arkansastrucking.com)

## **New Business/Old Business**

Is there any other new business from the audience at this time?

If not, I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the business meeting at this time, is there a second? All in favor? Motion Passed, lets each lunch...

## **Thank Presenter**

We want to thank our presenter today Larry Cole of Trucking Experts Inc for sharing his experiences with towing services. Hopefully there were several things that we are able to take away and apply in our companies.

## **Q&A from the audience:**

**Q. What if the police have already called out a wrecker service?**

**A. Call the police department and tell them that it's your money and work with them to get what you want done.**

Our next meeting will be in conjunction with the annual meeting in Rogers on May 8.

## **Dismissal**