

FINAL



**International
Right Of Way Association Chapter 36**

MEETING MINUTES	
Meeting Type	Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Date	December 14, 2004
Meeting Time	10:30AM
Meeting Location	Piccolo Mondo Restaurant Arlington, Texas

Officers – 2005		In Attendance	Absent
President	Dan Wright	X	
Vice President	Cheryl Bennett	X	
Treasurer	Craig Marek	X	
Secretary	Donna Harrison	X	
Director – 2 year	Steve Kunkel	X	
Director – 1 year	Wendell Pyles	X	
Committee Chairs			
PDC – 1 year	Scott Rustand		X
PDC – 2 year	Kathy Robertson		X
PDC – 3 year	Greg Altoff	X	
Education	Greg Cook		X
	Bob Carroll	X	
	Heather Knipstein	X	
Membership	Bill Stoll	X	
Program	David Harry	X	
Newsletter	Denise Perez		X
Historian/Photographer	Ben Claybour	X	
Social Chairman	Diane Burkhardt	X	
Guests			
	John McLerran	X	

REPORTS

President – Dan Wright

President Dan Wright opened the December Meeting by distributing the agenda for the Board to review. The minutes for the November meeting were distributed for comment. Wendell Pyles made a motion to accept the minutes as written and amended with Diane Burkhardt seconding. **Motion carried** to accept the November minutes.

Treasurer – Craig Marek

No report

Vice-President – Cheryl Bennett

No report

Director – 1 Year – Wendell Pyles

No report.

Director – 2 Year – Steve Kunkel

No report.

Secretary – Donna Harrison

No report.

Education Committee – Greg Cook, Chair

No report.

Professional Development Committee– Scott Rustand, Chair

No report was given.

Membership Committee– Bill Stoll, Chair

Two new applications have been received for membership, which includes the following: Wendell Collins and Mike Williams.

Motion was made by Bill Stoll and **Seconded** by John McLerran to accept the two new applicants. **Motion Carried.**

There are 205 members total. Membership incentives were discussed.

Program Committee– David Harry, Chair

The January program will be a noon meeting with City of Arlington Mayor Cluck presenting a program on the new Cowboy Stadium. Michael Morris with the North Texas Council of Governments will be the guest speaker of the February program.

Newsletter Committee– Denise Perez

Denise is out of the country now. The deadline for the newsletter is the 21st or 22nd.

Historian/Photographer-- Ben Claybour, Chair

No Report.

Social-- Diane Burkhardt, Chair

No Report

Website-- Mark Breedlove

President Dan Wright reported that Mark Breedlove is making a few changes on the website which will include a photograph of the chapter officers for the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Forum

The dates for the Winter Forum are Thursday, February 3 and Friday, February 4, 2005 at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel in Ft. Worth. The Renaissance Worthington Hotel is an exceptional Hotel. The forum will begin Thursday at 1:00 P.M. and conclude at noon on Friday. Rita Caveness is working on plans for a Thursday evening social event. We will host a reception in Chapter 36's suite. Arrangements will be made at a restaurant within walking distance. Approval up to \$2,000.00 was given for the cost of the Thursday evening dinner. Rooms are blocked at a discounted rate of \$96.00. Any rooms not reserved by 1-6-05 will be released.

Rita stated that the following restaurants are in the area:

Risky's BBQ is across the street but has no private meeting room

Cabo Grande has accommodations for 35-40.

Mi Casina is a fairly small restaurant.

Riata has a banquet room and the cost of the meal will be approximately \$40.00 per person.

Chisum Club will cost approximately \$40.00.

Texas de Brazil is also nearby but is expensive.

Last year approximately 42 people and spouses were in Galveston. It was suggested that dinner should begin around 7:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Baggett Memorial Golf Tournament - The tournament will be at Glenview Golf Course in Lancaster this year and is scheduled for the Thursday prior to the Spring Seminar. All proceeds will be given to Hospice of East Texas. Over the past 5 years over \$30,000.00 as been donated in memoriam of Steve Baggett, SR/WA, who died of cancer. Jim Thomas and Margaret Lynn will be working on the tournament. There will be prizes for longest drive, nearest pin, last place trophy, etc. Diane may organize a ceremony to

present the check at the seminar. The tournament solicits donations for raffles during the event. There maybe be two raffles, with one being held each day.

Spring Seminar - The Holiday Dome in Lancaster will be the site of the Spring Seminar.

The costs are as follow:

Meeting room	\$800.00
Snacks—A.M.	250.00
Snacks---P.M.	250.00
Room Expense	70.00
Lunch	15.00

A mixer will be held on Thursday evening.

The price of the course will be \$100.00. We are projecting an increase of an additional 20 people at the seminar. Jan Whatley suggested combining the golf tournament and seminar notices. John McLerran said that 142 golfers could be accommodated.

Margaret Lynn will be in charge of the notices. Jim Thomas will take charge of the raffle and sponsorship. Notices will be out by the January meeting. Cheryl Bennett suggested e-mailing the brochure to members of the Houston and Austin IRWA chapters.

Mark Dotser has agreed to begin the seminar at 9:00 A.M. with an economic update and has agreed to charge no fee. Dr. Baen and Steve Adler have accepted invitations to speak and are confirmed.

Others being considered are Eddie Vassallo, Buck Ritz, A.G., and John Campbell could discuss the Trans Texas Corridor, Don Toner could discuss tollways, John Zimmerman, and Judge Vandergriff. The suggestion was made to have a pro/con format and then a panel with Buck vs. Vassallo. Wendell Pyles suggested that Kyle Ray or Donnie Sherwood be moderators and/or instructors.

John McLerran stated that he is in his last six months of his six-year tenure. He thanked the chapter for support and wished President Dan Wright good luck.

President Dan Wright read a thank you letter from Rebecca Harris of Pyles-Whatley Appraisal firm thanking the Chapter for recognizing her efforts in scheduling reservations for the monthly meetings.

Steve Kunkel stated that Bill Stoll should have received a Recommendation of Appreciation Award for his work on the Membership Committee when other committee members received their wards. Steve will have an Award prepared for Bill at the next meeting.

Lunch expenses were approved.

Minutes recorded by Donna Harrison.
Transcribed by Donna Harrison
Secretary for IRWA Chapter 36