



Wisconsin Building Movers Association

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Minutes for April 27, 2024 Meeting
Location: Smiley's Restaurant, Plover, WI

The meeting was called to order by President Mel Virrueta at 1:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Shanahan, Russ Childs, Gale Childs, Mike Peterson, Russ Childs, Cairie Virrueta, David DeVooght, Tammy DeVooght

MINUTES

Cairie Virrueta handed out minutes from the last meeting, November 4, 2023. *Motion by Russ Childs to approve, second by David DeVooght. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mike Peterson to approve, second by Mel Virrueta. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ESCORTING MOVES

Mike Peterson said to be an "escort" of a move, you have to be certified in New York and they have guidelines that movers may want to reference. Mel Virrueta said his company vehicles on a move are "support vehicles". Many movers have had police escorts not knowing the routes or how to properly stop or direct traffic. It was suggested to give officers a printed out route, in addition to the routes listed on the permits.

INSPECTIONS

Irregularities in inspections continue. Some movers obtain their permit directly through the DOT's permit website, others use a permit service. The use of turn signals may or may not be required by the inspection officer.

LIGHTING LOADS

Mike Peterson brought samples of lights he uses to illuminate loads. He uses 12 volt Milwaukee batteries.

DOT PROJECTS

Dave DeVooght asked if any movers were doing DOT projects. He had heard someone from the state has an issue with movers and he was telling governmental bodies to not move or allow their buildings to be moved and to have them torn down instead. It was recommended to find out who this person was and talk to him. It would be good for movers to get testimonials from leaders to

put on their websites and the WBMA website. WBMA could also promote itself by putting ads in legislative type publications. Tammy DeVooght said she could draft a letter to the state from the association about the benefits of building moving. She will email it everyone for their input before sending it out.

NEXT MEETING

The Fall meeting will be at Heritage Movers shop. Date TBD.

ADJOURN

Motion by Cairie Virrueta and second by Dave DeVooght to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.