Minutes of the NTHECC General Membership Meeting
May 5, 2007
Embassy Suite Hotel, Grapevine, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by President John Orr.

John Orr welcomed everyone to Dallas.

Invocation was given by Kelly Reich.

Self Introductions – Self introductions were made.

Special Acknowledgements:
Bert Baumbach – is having back problems.
Craig Bindert – is still fighting cancer.
Ann Leonard – is fighting cancer.
Bobby Crump – has lost his mother.
Dan Linker – his sister passed away from cancer.
Sonny White – his sister is fighting cancer. Cancer has spread.
John Orr – his sister lost her husband to cancer.
Bill Belander – open heart surgery problems.
Fate Evans – his son in law passed away.
Greg Linke – fell and broke his back. He is now able to drive.
Karen Smith – is in the hospital and doing fine.

Secretary Report – Mike Kinder

Minutes were read by Mike Kinder. Minutes from the last meeting will be posted on the website. Corrections will be made at the fall meeting.

Scholarship Committee – Jim Ward

The amount of scholarships awarded is in the amount of $188,500.00. Two donations were received by the scholarship committee. One made by Bill Dixon for $500.00 and the other made by Richard Kerns in the amount of $1,000.00.
The minutes were approved. Motion made by Sonny White. Seconded by Richard Bruce. Minutes approved.

**Attendance Book** – Open Discussion by Tom Fergus

The attendance book must be signed. Missing four consecutive meetings will be automatic termination from the council.

**Treasurer Report** – Kelly Reich

A copy of the treasurer report is available from Kelly Reich. All figures are available from Kelly. We were informed that all bill were paid except for this meeting. Two scholarships have not been paid. Two have been paid partially. Kelly informs that the profit from the directory gives a job well done to Tom Everette. Motion was made by Chuck Hubert to accept. Seconded by Richard Bruce. Treasurers report accepted.

**Scholarship Committee** – Jim Ward and Kelly Reich

Currently $30,250.00 has been awarded. We have paid out $23,373.78. This leaves a balance of $687.22 still owed to a recipient for reimbursement. Scholarship account balance is $35,000.00 for future awards. Total amount awarded is $188,500.00. Paid out to date is $167,716.81. Donations by the committee were received from Richard Kerns, Bill Dixon, and Mr. Bobby Crump. 87 awards have been given overall. 15 were awarded for 2006-2007. 3 applications are present for 2007-2008. Committee asked that all applications be submitted by the end of August. Committee would like to see video clips on the web site of scholarship recipients.

**Membership Committee** – Bill Fisher

Bill Fisher explained that there is a new test for the TPA and a new test for adjuster members. Bill explained that there is work in progress. He thanked everyone for volunteering to help. He explained that there are as follows:

- 4 adjuster members to be voted on
- 1 TPA to be voted on
- 4 Associate Members
- 2 Allied Members
- 1 Company Member

Adjuster Member Sponsors
- Robert Hare – adjuster sponsor Ed Williams
- Al Quick – adjuster sponsor Jim Leonard
- Edward Tuepter – adjuster sponsor Ron Sperano
- John Young – adjuster sponsor Leon Brownlee
TPA Sponsors
CTCM – adjuster sponsor Mike Kinder

Adjuster member votes:
Robert Hare – 47 yes 16 no
Al Quick – 53 yes 10 no
Edward Tuepter -55 yes 8 no
John Young – 62 yes 1 no

TPA votes:
CTCM – 51 yes 12 no

Company Member votes:
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company - 63 Yes

Associate Members votes:
Navistar – 63 yes
MC1 – 61 yes 2 no
Mac Trailer – 60 yes 3 no

Allied Members votes:
HM Bay 54 yes 9 no
PG Adams 62 yes 1 no
SEA – 60 yes 3 no

All accepted into membership.

Education Committee – Scott Cody

Education for San Antonio will include seminar Wheco, Active HD Cooling, discussion by Jean Gardner, a mock deposition, presentation by Volvo and Prevost.

Public Relations – Richard Bruce

The trademark application is in process. Consider advertising utilizing the brochure. Richard Bruce is actively pursuing allied and associate members. He has contacted a company in regards to embroidering shirts. These would be able to be ordered at each meeting.

Nominating Committee – Michael Kramer

We will need to replace one board of director.

Towing Committee – Tim Hummel
He has recommended that we shut down the towing page. It has been approved by the board of directors. He has asked that we post state towing laws on our web page.

**Directory** – Tom Everette

He explains that the ads are going to increase by 10%. New photos will be taken at the fall meeting only. Portrait photos will be placed in the directory. A large national map will be included in the center of directory. He thanked everyone for their participation in the directory.

**Scholarships** – Kelly Reich and Richard Bruce

An open discussion was made on the acceptance of the scholarships that the council continue to make money from the fall meetings and that the scholarship committee could possibly utilize additional monies.

*Lunch Recess*

Meeting reconvened at 1:37 PM

**Meeting Committee** – Sonny White

San Antonio Texas – Room rate $169.00 per night at the Hyatt on the Riverwalk.

A discussion of the 2008 meeting in Colorado Springs was held. It was discussed that the contract could leave the council with liabilities of several thousands of dollars. The council asked for permission to move the 2008 meeting to St. Louis with room rates of $130.00 to $140.00. A motion was made by Chuck Hubert. Seconded by Mike Kinder. Voice vote passed to move the meeting to St. Louis.

The 2009 meeting is open with possibilities of Denver, Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colorado or possibilities of other cities including Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Conduct** – Jeri Looney

Jeri Looney discussed the situation in Florida by one adjuster member and two guests. Robert’s Rules of Order has a detailed code of conduct. A non member will be asked not to come back to any NTHECC function. A member will be referred to a special committee.

**President’s Award** – John Orr

John Orr has explained that the president’s award will be changed from a plaque to a crystal weight.

**Open Discussion** – None
By Laws Committee – Dwayne Sharshel

The board has asked to look at company by law for any changes. Dwayne passed to Jeri Looney to vote on by law changes. (Tom please include the by law changes)

TPA

Describe basic changes to qualification #4. Must be able to prove one million dollars in premium on tractor, trailer, and cargo.

By laws on TPA change motion by Mike Kinder. Seconded by Jim Leonard. Change passed.

Adjuster member add subsection. Motion was made by Mike Kinder to accept the subsection for the adjuster member. Seconded by Ron Shuster. Motion passed. Nine votes against.

Mike Kinder motioned the secretary to correct all punctuation. No vote taken.

Bill Fergus made a motion to put a moratorium on by law changes for a period of 3 years. Seconded by Leon Brownlee. Motion did not carry.

Motion made by Tom Fergus that the secretary and by laws committee can change punctuation in by laws. The motion was as follows:

Resolved, that the Bylaws Committee is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-reference, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the society in connection with the Bylaws of the National Truck and Heavy Equipment Claims Council.

Motion passed 33 yes. 8 no.

It was announced from 8 – 10 AM tomorrow that there be a meeting of the adjuster members of the AAMGA.

John informs dinner will be in this room. Card tournament will follow. Half of the proceeds generated by the card tournament will go to the scholarship. Motion made by Ron Sperano. Seconded by Chuck Hubert. Motion passed.

There was announcement by Mike Kinder. Name tags are available. Request a card from him to order.

Jim Bing is to be removed from the cover of the directory by a motion was set back to the fall meeting.
Motion to adjourn made by Norb Litz. Seconded by Kelly Reich. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM

Submitted by Leon R. Brownlee