

BRS Local 130 meeting minutes from January 12, 2007

The brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Local 130 was called to order on January 12, 2007 at 7:10 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott of Elmhurst in Elmhurst, Illinois.

23 members and 3 guests (Dennis Beck, Dan Petro, and Jim Glasser) were in attendance.

Opening Prayer

Read by Tom Humenik

Roll Call of officers

Dan Krieger was absent

Reading of meeting minutes

Tom Humenik read the meeting minutes from July 21st, 2006 (There was no meeting in October).

A motion was made by Charlie Kocian to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Paul Niziolek.

Motion carried.

Reading of Bills and Itemized Statements

Motion to accept bills and Itemized statements as read made by Charlie Kocian seconded by Tom Jones. Motion carried.

Propositions for membership

Jose Jaquez, Don Ichmael, Russ Dovichi were sworn in as new members.

Obligations

None

Report of Local Grievance Committees:

Charlie Kocian- Palencia, Zerbst, Howard, Chavez for non-payment of overtime, working outside of assigned hours and violations of the 40 hour work week rule.

Flowers for City of Chicago painting bungalows

Paul Niziolek- Wagner for the carrier not letting him come back after doctor release.

The OT rules for the rules classes were also discussed.

Report of Special Committee:

Several changes to the Local 130 Bylaws were discussed. Proposed changes will be discussed at the next meeting in April. (Find attached proposed changes at the end of this document).

Article 5 section 1 (sending flowers to funerals) was discussed and a motion was made by Tom Jones to leave the rule "as is what's written". Joe Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Communications:

None

Unfinished Business

None at this time

New Business

A motion was made by Erdell Anderson to have a Signalmen's Dance this year. Greg ray seconded. Motion carried. Tom Jones made a motion to make Erdell Anderson Chairman of the Dinner Dance Committee. Seconded by Charlie Kocian. Motion carried. Paul Niziolek and Don Ichmael volunteered to assist.

Report of sickness of members

Kevin Connolly is still waiting for a liver transplant.

George Garner is off due to an aneurysm.

Bob Stipek status was unknown.

R.H. Talbert Jr. is off with Diabetes complications.

Bob Diehl is off work

Rick Hopson is off

O'ron Manson is off again after a shoulder injury.

Members in distress or unemployed

T.S. Omaye J. Mayberry

Good of the union

The next meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Elmhurst.

Tom Humenik discussed opening our meetings to other Maintenance of Way union employees.

The idea was shot down.

Jim Glasser talked about how national negotiations are going and about reporting injuries. You must report injuries when they happen. If not then you could be dismissed for late reporting.

Scope rules. Generators for Signal use only are the Signal Departments. Old UP: Signal maintains generators. Old CNW: Electricians maintain generators. They should be ours. General committee elections are in the next 18 months and Mr. Glasser would like us to vote for him to be General Chairman.

Dan Petro of Petro and Petro talked about the fact that we are not covered by workman's comp.

We are covered by FELA and we should carry the medical cards with us. There was also a discussion about how to fill out the Accident report. Limit any medical records release to the accident in question and keep records of all financial losses. Make someone aware of your concerns such as weather. Apply for your benefits in a timely manner. We are entitled to Railroad retirement and other benefits.

Dennis Beck of Yeager, Jungbauer and Barczak talked about a state law that requires the railroad to provide medical attention if you request it. It is also against the law to interfere with your medical treatment or if they reprimand you for your medical treatment.

Closing Prayer

Read by Tom Humenik

Adjournment

Tom Humenik motioned for adjournment.

Renault Cooks seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Humenik
Recording secretary BRS local 130