

## BRS Local 130 meeting minutes from July 8th, 2005

The brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Local 130 was called to order on July 8th, 2005 at 7:16 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott of Elmhurst in Elmhurst, Illinois.

9 members were in attendance and the guest was Dan Petro of the Petro and Petro Law firm

### Opening Prayer

Read by Greg Ray

### Roll Call of officers

Tom Jones, Tim Valentine were absent

### Reading of meeting minutes

Tom Humenik read the meeting minutes from April 8, 2005. A motion was made by Howie Merkin to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Paul Niziolek. Motion carried.

### Reading of Bills and Itemized Statements

Paul Sclafani read bills and itemized Statements.

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

### Propositions for membership

Two new people hired. One is working at Crystal Lake, the other at Lake St.

### Obligations

None

### Report of Local Grievance Committees:

Howie Merkin – Has no claims in 2005. He did mention that Mr. Campbell was advised not to take the Foreman's test, but took it anyway.

Charlie Kocian – Has one claim for being off assigned territory while going to school. He wanted to speak to the individual at the meeting, but he wasn't present.

Paul Niziolek – Mr. Kocian didn't know of any claims, as Paul wasn't present at this time

### Report of Special Committee:

Tom Humenik gave a report of moneys spent by both Local 108 and 130 for the 2005 union sponsored function.

Report on File

### Communications:

Charlie Kocian gave a report of the Railroad Retirement board meeting.

Spouse's earnings can affect your benefits. It's better to have you and your spouse's birth certificate and Marriage License on file for 90 days before applying for benefits. Anyone who had military service should furnish a form DD-214 as it may be worth some extra money. Lots of variables can affect your benefits. There will be Local Chairman training in Front Royal, VA. The Norfolk Southern signal department strike was discussed. They went on strike because of contractors.

Dan Petro talked about having the wallet cards that list BRS counsel and he went over the Union Pacific personal injury report and how to fill it out. There are Revocation of Medical release forms on the web site.

### Unfinished Business

None that wasn't already discussed.

### New Business

Nominations for Local 130 officers were done.  
Local Chairmen-**Howie Merkin, Paul Niziolek and Charlie Kocian** were nominated  
President-**Manny Acosta** was nominated and wins by acclimation  
Vice President-**Greg Ray** was nominated and wins by acclimation  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-**Joe Scott and Ronald Pipkins** were nominated  
Recording Secretary-**Tom Humenik** was nominated and wins by acclimation  
Financial Secretary-**Paul Sclafani** was nominated and wins by acclimation  
Trustee-**Tom Jones** was nominated and wins by acclimation  
Trustee-**Dan Krieger** was nominated and wins by acclimation  
Trustee-**Reggie Cole** was nominated and wins by acclimation  
Grievance Committee-**Joe Parenti, Pete Grover, Frank Luszczak and Ron Childress** were nominated  
Grievance Committee-**Lenny Grom, Stony Omaye and Hiram Boone** were nominated  
These were the people nominated and they need to accept the nomination before the ballot is cast.  
There was a discussion about voting for the Local chairmen.  
Tom Humenik made a motion that the members will vote and the two highest vote getters will get the positions. Lenny Grom seconded.

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.

Reggie Cole is off with an off duty injury

Bob Diehl is off work

Members in distress or unemployed

None reported

Good of the union

The location of the next will be at the Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows

The final prize from the union function was raffled off and won by Charlie Kocian

Closing Prayer

Read by Greg Ray

Adjournment

Howie Merkin motioned for adjournment.

Greg Ray seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Humenik  
Recording secretary BRS local 130