

BRS Local 130 meeting minutes from October 12, 2007

The brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Local 130 was called to order on October 12, 2007 at 7:08 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott of Elmhurst in Elmhurst, Illinois.

8 members and 1 guest were in attendance. The guest was Dennis Beck of the law firm of Yaeger, Jungbauer & Barczak.

Opening Prayer

Read by Paul Niziolek

Roll Call of officers

Greg Ray, Ron Pipkins, Charlie Kocian, and Reggie Cole were absent

Reading of meeting minutes

Dan Krieger made a motion to accept minutes as read. Paul Niziolek seconded. Motion Carried.

Reading of Bills and Itemized Statements

Motion to accept bills and Itemized statements as read made by Tom Jones. Seconded by Tom Humenik. Motion carried.

Propositions for membership

None

Obligations

None.

Report of Local Grievance Committees:

Charlie Kocian- Absent

Paul Niziolek- Kevin Tremain for being taken out of service. Brian White for a medical leave of absence

Paul Niziolek asked for a procedure for coming back to work. He also stressed that the carrier is getting touchy about the way the accident forms are filled out. If you do not know how to fill out a report, call your union representative.

Report of Special Committee:

The dinner Dance committee discussed the plans for the Dinner Dance. The Dinner/Dance is all ready except for gifts. A cutoff for returns was set for October 25th. A motion was made to give the committee \$1,000 for an up front cost and \$2,000 for the gift fund.

Several changes to the Local 130 Bylaws were discussed, voted on and approved. They will be sent to Grand Lodge for approval.

Communications:

Dennis Beck talked about the increase of intimidation and harassment on the part of the carriers. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact him through any of the union reps. His law firm does much more than just FELA work.

The managers are have a program where that they are switching subdivisions and doing audits on field personnel.

Unfinished Business

None at this time

New Business

Paul Niziolek reported that the carrier came to the union and asked if we would be interested in giving up our 4% and 2% raises for '08 and '09. They would then give us bonuses if we meet certain criteria. It's just talk for now.

Paul Sclafani reported that he was told that a contractor came in and did boring work at a crossing. There was a discussion about it and it turned out that the crew was there and being trained. There was a discussion held regarding Local 130 officers that have missed several meetings.

Report of sickness of members

Kevin Connolly is still waiting for a liver transplant.

Bob Stipek status was unknown.

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

Bob Diehl is off

Rick Hopson is off

Brian White is off

Members in distress or unemployed

T.S. Omaye

Good of the union

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

Tom Humenik brought up a computer problem. It was decided that he would get Howie's computer and try to make one good one from two broken ones.

Closing Prayer

Read by Paul Niziolek

Adjournment

Paul Niziolek motioned for adjournment.

Tom Jones seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Humenik
Recording secretary BRS local 130