



## Membership Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2022.

### **In Attendance:**

Ron Barr (General Manager), Maynard Thompson (President), Christina Vanier (Secretary), Bob Sugrue, Lloyd Griffith, Paul Lalonde, Marcel Levesque, Randy Thompson, Chris Griffith, Chris Shea, Stan Quin, Wilford Price, Kyle Hoffman, Steven Hoffman, Paul Sauve, Shawn Stobo, Russ Keenan, Charles Courchesne, Sylvain Tasse, Gilles Viau, Jean-Marc Viau, Samuel Pleau, Tyler Chapman, Alan Shade, Mike Stark, Mike Cross, Bruce Hodgins, Steven Flegg, Ryan Steenbakker, Tom O'Reilly, Aime Bastien, Ford McKeown, Kevin Scott, Malcom Valade, Jean Souliere, Eric Levesque, Kris Norris, Jude & Jason Bassett, Bobbie Wylie, Suren Tchilingirian, Tyler Hoy, Alex Bertrand, Rob Howarth, Nick Formica, Kellaway Thompson, Andre Benoit, Bill Croskery, Dominique Castonguay, Roch St Louis, Sean Kuehl, Bill Aouni, Marc & Liz Gingras, Ray Vanier, Randy Ryan, Shawn McMillan, JC Levesque, Anthony Levett, Mark McCoy, John Fernandes, Matt Anderson, Ronnie Smith, Scott Mahoney, Steven Conley, Dave Ostrom, Brandon Hayes, Jake Thurler, Tyler Mullin.

### **Meeting called to order at 10:05am**

Minutes read from February 8, 2022, Board Meeting

Accepted by Paul Lalonde

Seconded by Bob Sugrue

### General Manager Opening Statement:

- Explained what GOTA has to offer membership
- Spoke a little bit about Reg. 347 C-12 Training and Excess Soil Management
- Discussed his stance on SPIFF.
- Told the attendees he is currently arguing in court a fine for "Jake Brake Usage" in his paralegal role.

Attendee question asking why the GOTA isn't setting the rates as apposed to companies like Thomas Cavanagh Construction and R.W. Tomlinson Limited setting the rates?

Attendee question asking what the GOTA can offer our customers that would make members more beneficial to their operations? Christina discussed item the Board had suggested at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

- Safe Operators – current compliance in Policies, WSIB and Insurance ensured by GOTA
- Offering HR – Health & Safety company to assist the members

A Letter from Tomlinson Ready Mix concerning increasing costs to their customers for supplied products including a chart of fuel surcharge and carbon tax charges to also be charged.

A spreadsheet indicating how the current offered rate of \$95 p/hr for triaxles cannot earning operators/companies a profit and will in fact be putting them at a loss.

Lengthy discussion concerning the attendees' general thoughts of what the rate should be and how we should get it pursued.

- Travel time was discussed
- Shorting of hours on signed bills
- Banning together and parking

Take-Away from this discussion:

- Giving a compliance date (May 2, 2022), allowing for negotiating time and if not met parking
- Going after non-members working for less than the set rate
- Going after non-SPIFF compliant equipment still hauling at the SPIFF weight.

How this will be completed:

- A letter will be handed out mandating the compliance date and rate requested by GOTA members of \$105
- Members to report to Ron Barr immediately any non-compliance by non-members concerning enforcement action by MTO, MOE, Police etc. Ron will work with his contacts in these departments.

Excess Soil Management was briefly discussed, a manifest template was handed out.

\*Extended License Fees during covid pandemic now due were not discussed, as time ran out.

New Board Members – 4 volunteers have been acquired

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Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Next meeting and Executive/Board Nominations/Elections has not been determined.