

January 2023
01/09/2023 09:01

Open meeting with due form.

Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes previous, last month's minutes not available

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 23 turns 21.31-22.89 mid of 22

RE10: 10 turns on 9.06-10.45 mid of 10

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 10 turns on calls for 6.6-13.56

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

none

Financial Report:

\$6365.34 and 74 members.

Unfinished Business:

Make sure you are putting a reason in for not using EMS

Make notes mile posts you're not using EMS and why

Don't go over your attendance points, the carrier doesn't how long you've been a good employee, they only care about the last 90 days

Lots of flag testing- unannounced yellow, yellow red, red and switch flags. Don't put your train in emergency to stop going by a flag. You won't be fired for running over a flag that's a test, but you could be for causing a derailment. Just stop as soon as you can, consistent with good train handling.

Make sure your computer based training is up to date. If something is there make sure you complete it. The carrier is wanting us to sometimes search for lessons, you don't have to do that. If it shows up, complete it.

New Business:

It's important for the whole crew to tie up at as close to the same time as possible, especially if it's an HOS violation

If you're making time claims, it's important to show all rubber tire miles to make sure you are paid properly

Operation redblock and lifesaver bulletins should be coming out

TSC coordinator bulletin has come and gone

With the new raise our dues will be going up \$6.00 a month starting March 1st

Brian McCoy makes a motion that officer's salary will be increased by the percentage of wage increases. 2nd by Ken Stanfield 6-0 in favor 1st of 3 votes
Discussing changing hours of monthly meeting to possibly increase attendance.

Sick or injured:

Rob Smith
Chris Behrens
Kurt Fleer
Dan Vandorn
Chuck Lyons
Brad Herbert
Justin Nickell

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Ken Stanfield 2nd Dan Pietryga ,6-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned 11:01

February 2023
02/13/2023 09:06

Open meeting with due form.

**Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes- Rob Kennedy, 2nd Luke Wright-
Unanimous**

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 24 turns on calls for 23.6-25.44

RE10: 13 turns on calls for 12.6-13.06

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 9 turns on calls for 5.64-9.67

Legislative:

March 6th, hearings scheduled for 2 man crews in Neb. If you live in Nebraska please call your senators

New Members:

none

Financial Report:

\$6444.61 and 74 members.

TSC:

Luke and Wes are still getting their feet wet, getting help from other TSC groups.

IAS stop boards have been replaced-orders for brakestick holders-eot racks put up in Blair.

Management is well aware of toilet issues being reported on safety hotline and are making plans to have them serviced enroute.

Putting new switch targets and handles at Cargill-working on dedicated back to back power set for lnj-10/lnj-44

Got new lights put in at 8th St yard

They would really like employee suggestions to help them with what we want them to work on

They still have to go through the service unit to order things but have been told they are not limited by budget

If you are being observed under TSC, no names are used. Only time of day, and job numbers. You can choose to not be observed

Still working through observation rules with local management. TSC is our program to make work for us.

Unfinished Business:

Trying very hard to get crews off mcbnp in a timely manner. Luke Wright says local management is putting a recrew alert on it and crews have been tied up within their HOS more regularly

Make sure you are reporting correctly when you are picked up by a van
Make sure you are tying up at the same time as your conductor when you are reporting HOS violations

Keep the toilet pictures coming, please note the unit #'s of the toilets you are reporting

Haven't been able to convince the company to put the pickers back on yet, but more questions are being asked and they are slowly coming around

2nd vote on raising officers pay to coincide with general wage increases. 5-0 in favor

Carrier is refusing to bulletin Operation Redblock position or peer trainers in general

New Business:

Local chairman meeting highlights: collective bargaining over bonus days, 11-4 work cycles, medical layoff language. You can still request your birthday for your AD

Expanding locations for the 11-4 work cycle to get a better snapshot of availability

Rule 20 claims were conferenced and arbitrated. We lost the rule 20 claims but won the rule 22(zone rule) claims, so old zone(mp32.4) is back in effect. 25 miles both directions from your on duty terminal. The OMC is not one big terminal

Had an engineer won his claim for not being paid for not being rested for his assigned yard job

Lnb41 is entitled to 20b claims due to switch engines being on duty in CB

Dwight had a meeting with the FRA and the carrier, the FRA is not happy with either of us over cell phone/electronic device usage. FRA is done teaching and informing and is moving to fines and dismissals

Our service unit has gone from 1st to last in safety. Watch out for each other, the more incidents we have the more eyeballs are going to be on us.

Wear your spikes if there is snow or ice. 2 incidents of employees slipping/getting injured without spikes

Using your Zebra to look at crew boards while you are moving is an FRA violation

Keep your eyes for a new manager on the westside in North Platte, he is constantly testing and watching for rule violations

Consider Good Faith Challenge when doubling out of East departures with bad orders to set out at Mountain Cement. If the bad order is near the head of either portion of your train, ask to set it out in the extension. Its faster and safer, beating the first OS is not our priority

Rob Kennedy makes a motion to allow TSC facilitator position float their vacation. It opens up more slots on the vacation roster. 2nd by Mike Brown 9-0 in favor

Sick or injured:

Rob Smith
Chris Behrens
Kurt Fleer
Dan Vandorn
Chuck Lyons
Brad Herbert
Justin Nickell

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Mike Brown 2nd Rob Kennedy,9-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned 11:06

March 2023
03/13/2023 09:09

Open meeting with due form.

Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes- Dave Winchester, 2nd Luke Wright-8-0 in favor

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 27 turns on calls for 26.79-28.78 mid 27.75

RE10: 12 turns on calls for 12.36-13.35

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 10 turns on calls for 6.45-14.03 may add 1

Legislative:

Bill for 2 person crews moving along in Neb.

New Members:

none

Financial Report:

\$6568.57 and 77 members.

TSC:

71 days injury free

Working on new/replacing lights in the cb yard

Putting new pipes in for drainage on South end.

MOW checking for difficult switches on sidings on Sioux City sub

Signal suspension @ Gibbon Jct for 24 hrs on 3/14

Unfinished Business:

3rd vote for officer wage increase to coincide with general wage increases, 2-0 in favor. Motion passes

TSC guys are really pushing CBNP re crews. Pushing local management and keeping records

Still pushing for the pickers, local management still hesitant about another OS train

General Chairman met with carrier in Fort Worth about 11-4 schedule. Carrier wanted major concessions about guarantee, flipping when you are called to go out of town on 11th day. All General Chairman voted to cancel all current and future pilots until carrier is willing to negotiate in good faith. More than likely rest days will go to arbitration starting in May with an answer in September

Each terminal (mo valley, cb, and Fremont) has its own 25 mile zone for dog catching purposes. We will come up with exact mp's for each terminal.

Still planning on new depot at allen creek eventually so probably not going to put any money into Mo Valley parking lot.

Corridor manager absolutely knows if you are called zone or non zone. Get an answer when you talk to the dispatcher.

New Business:

Derka is an outside safety company that will be on our service unit for up to a year. If you are interviewed, be honest and relay any concerns you have. Ratio boards, call times etc. Most of focus is going to be on management team

Biggest group of concern is 15-20 years of service

78 job went to remote and 75 is soon to follow. Biggest reason was having to fill on rest days.

Remote crews are not supposed to be in the cab of the locomotive for any reason, the guy on the point is also not supposed to be running the box

We weren't at the 2 person crew rally in Lincoln because we weren't told about plans before hand

CB service unit has 7 assigned sets of power for all locals that has to be switched between several jobs. Dwight is working on getting help for this.

Dwight has been asked by the service unit to track dirty toilets and why they're not being emptied and cleaned properly and report back

If you put a locomotive defect in on your tie up, be very specific. Every defect reported generates a work order for the diesel shop. We want to make sure they are addressing the issue you reported

We can get BLET 183 t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts if anyone is interested. We need at least 23 people to order for best pricing. Wayne will put a poll up on Band to see if anyone's interested

Sick or injured:

Rob Smith
Chris Behrens Kurt Fleer
Dan Vandorn
Chuck Lyons
Justin Nickell

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Brian Held 2nd Luke Wright, 7-1 in favor

Meeting adjourned 10:38

April 2023
04/10/2023 09:00

Open meeting with due form.

Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes- Mike Call, 2nd Brian McCoy 10-0 in favor

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 26 turns on calls for 25.07

RE10: 12 turns on calls for 10.99

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 11 turns on calls for 6.96-12.43

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

none

Financial Report:

\$6220.20 and 76 members.

TSC:

Run through switch awareness month-78 ran through a switch Sunday night

Dekra workshop last week-basically TSC for managers. Only here to talk to craft employees-mostly watching management team

Tried to get a change out pad at Benos, Carrier doesn't want to build a grade so they're putting in steps

Putting more lights in CB yard

Still trying to get a date for new gravel in parking lot at Mo Valley so cars can be moved

Working on getting Harriman to change crews at better locations

Looking for ideas for signs with names of tracks, change out spots etc.

Unfinished Business:

Dwight is still working on toilet audits. Needs more pictures, the more the better. Has only received pictures from one member

We have zone maps for 25 mile zone from CB, Mo Valley and Fremont. They will be posted and copies put in depots

Still looking for ideas for the back of t-shirts and sweatshirts if anybody has any input

New Business:

New GM Brian Thayer, came over from Harriman
New cbnp job pays 200 miles, 100 miles and 100 over miles. OT after 16 hrs

Any non- trip rated local is entitled to initial and final delay. Initial terminal delay starts after 1'15" on duty and continues till you make your final pull to depart. Final delay starts 45" after you stop until you get yarded. OT reduces both

Make sure your FRA reporting matches the times you are claiming initial and final

Time claims for the Carrier not putting peer trainer jobs up for bid, (Operation Lifesaver, Operation Redblock coordinators and peer trainers) is up to almost 6 million dollars

Trainmen don't have any agreement yet, it's all still being negotiated. It's all bullet points, not an agreement

Talking about eliminating the CBSX/SXCB and making them SXBO or BOSX

Talking about a CB service unit family day- no date or details yet

Sick or injured:

Rob Smith
Chris Behrens Kurt Fleeer
Dan Vandorn
Chuck Lyons
Justin Nickell

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Mike Brown 2nd Luke Wright, unanimous

Meeting adjourned 10:31

May 2023
05/08/2023 09:00

Open meeting with due form

Motion to suspend reading of previous minutes- Mike Brown 2nd Ken Stanfield 12-2 in favor

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 25 turns on 23.38-25.11 24.21 mid

RE10: 11 turns on 10.12-10.94 10.53 mid

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 12 turns on calls for 6.06-13.2 10.5 mid may cut 1

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

none

Financial Report:

\$5386.87 and 76 members.

I was one month late on \$10 increase to Eastern District dues so I will make adjustment on May's Dues

TSC:

Getting bids for change out pads at cpb001

Diesel house says they're working on getting a mobile servicing station for toilets

Safety feed in Columbus on Tuesday, Fremont on Thursday

Crossings being worked on in CB yard on South end

Still trying to get a date for new gravel in parking lot at Mo Valley so cars can be moved

Unfinished Business:

Still working on initial and final delay. When trip rates went into effect, all employees are entitled on non trip rated road jobs. Have to give an 1'15" at the beginning and 45" at the end. Final starts when you stopped and are waiting to get in the yard. Overtime is offset

Claims are still being put in for peer trainer jobs not being up for bid. Lifesaver and Redblock

Family day in CB is happening, no solid dates yet

Keep toilet pics coming

Keep turning in zone breaks, 2nd trip out and out after 8's. They are good claims and will

eventually be paid
Haven't made the change on mcbsx/msxcb to Boone yet

Make sure you are showing all transport time to and from trains on penalty claims

New Business:

If you give up a week of vacation, the computer won't let you bid back to the week you gave up. If you use a week of singles, you can't bid that week if it comes open

You may cancel pre arranged days up to the minute you have it pended. If you don't cancel it before you go to work, it will start when you come back

Dwight went to NARVE meeting about asbestos exposure. Pre 83 employees that worked 24 consecutive months are entitled to a free chest xray to determine exposure. Anyone else can pay for an xray and consult with NARVE.

Mcbnp local is being abolished as well as 55 and 56 yard locals. They are being replaced by 55 and 57 yard jobs. 12' jobs

75 job is now remote

36 new hires in training

Class 3 air tests are an issue. If you change the makeup of your train in any way(set out, pick up, even moving eot) you must do a class 3 air test. Set a minimum of 20 lbs after eot reads at least 75 lbs and make sure there is a 5lb drop on the eot.

Talk to our cutback engineers and make sure they know that SMART is actively trying to eliminate the engineer jobs. Let them know how it affects their seniority

On property negotiations are on-going

Union dues will be going up \$4 a month starting July 1st to coincide with our general wage increase

Don't get out of your seat when the train/eng is moving. Stop for any reason you have to get out of the seat while moving

Sick or injured:

Rob Smith
Kurt Fleer
Chuck Lyons
Davina Wassenberg
John Austin

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Luke Wright 2nd Mike Brown, unanimous

Meeting adjourned 10:50

June 2023
06/12/2023 09:02

Open meeting with due form

Motion to suspend reading of previous minutes- Luke Wright 2nd Jason Ward 19-1 in favor

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 25 turns on 24.00 25.78 24.86 mid

RE10: 11 turns on 9.76-10.55 10.16 mid

BLE 699 Report :

RE56: 9turns on calls for 7.48-14.49

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

Lee Menges

Financial Report:

\$5403.98 and 76 members. \$10 adjustment for General committee should've been made on June check

TSC:

Profiles for standard work for locals being put together

More trains being tied down Northbound at Mondamin. Measured from North end to the road, trying to get a change out location or road closer to trains

Still getting bids for change out pad at CPB001

Re-doing asphalt at west end of CB yard and 55 road

Getting more switch signs for new/unfamiliar employees to make it easier to see if switch is lined properly

Replacing mp markers-1/4 and 3/4 markers are being eliminated. Report whole and 1/2 mile markers missing

Keep reporting vegetation problems-blocking signals, walking etc.

Unfinished Business:

Still having issues with class 3 air tests. Anytime you change the makeup of your train at all, you need to do a class 3 air test

Make sure you are at 40 mph at 2nd flasher regardless if EMS is running or not. The FRA is going to start disciplining for speeding.

Make sure you are entering feedback if you are having issues with EMS

Keep toilet pics coming

If you report a locomotive issue and you are instructed to use it anyway, get a control# from help desk or OPCC

New Business:

Thank you to everyone supporting the annual golf tournament and all of our generous sponsors. Nice job as usual to President Keefer and Phil Reyes.

Everything in the 11-4 agreement is in place regardless of if we settle on a 11-4 schedule. Self-sustaining pool, first in first out tie ups, automatic bids etc.

Not possible to take all the minutes from the discussion of the 11-4 agreement .Reach out to local officers or some who attended the meeting in person or via teams for info.

Sadie Hawkins Day will revert back to once a quarter bid process

Vote was 15-14 in favor of 11-4 agreement. President Keefer broke the 14-14 tie with a yes vote. 699 was 4-2 in favor

Zone breaks are being paid in conference along with o.t, conferenced claims are also being paid over guarantee

Overtime, meals etc. are still being negotiated because the PEB put no arbitration provision in

Discussing approaching the carrier about engineers taking the new utility position the carrier is proposing to SMART. We have more to offer with being able to move power, link dpu's etc.

Sick or injured:

Kurt Fleer

Chuck Lyons

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Brian McCoy 2nd Eric Davis, unanimous

Meeting adjourned 11:39

July 2023
07/10/2023 09:02

Open meeting with due form

Previous months minutes requested to be read by Randy Smith

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 23 turns on 22.55-24.22 23.36 mid

RE10: 10 turns on 10.66-11.52 11.09 mid

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 10 turns on calls for 7.48-13.01

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

Paul Biskup

Josh Loth

Paul McGrath

Randy Schochenmaier

Eric White

Financial Report:

\$5545.14 and 76 members. \$10 adjustments are over. New dues amount including July 1st raise will be \$164.00

TSC:

Trade out pads at Benos and cpb001 will be started soon-Benos will be first

Parking lot at Mo Valley is too big a job for UP MOW, so bids are being accepted to put crushed limestone or something similar

Thanks for the vegetation reports, carrier is making progress. Still missing some but are working towards it. Keep reporting concerns

Mondamin siding is still being worked on. There's an existing road that is being looked at for clearing instead of making a new road

Info packets are being printed for new engineers. Changing ends, daily inspection, class 3 air tests, etc.

Replacing mp markers-1/4 and 3/4 markers are being eliminated. Report whole and 1/2 mile markers missing

Keep reporting vegetation problems-blocking signals, walking etc.

Unfinished Business:

No provision currently in 11-4 agreement to opt back in if a pool opts out. All other provisions of 11-4 will be in place (self supporting pool, first in first out, etc.) on pool opting out

You can only Sadie to another job, no in pool Sadie moves to new off days. You may place a bid to move rest day grouping

New Business:

Next engineers due to be added out are being put in training to try to keep vacancies down when they are finally added

Don't use high horse power units to switch with in GI or Columbus, if you have to use them, make sure you only use 1

Make sure you are keeping your online training up to date. You will be pulled out of service and possibly go to investigation if you fall behind

Talking about moving Boone guys back to CB from Fremont

Cell phone usage is becoming an issue again. 5 level % investigations in Eastern District currently. Leave them off, FRA says they are going to enforce the maximum penalty available for cellphone use

Try to quit bringing up O.T. The more the carrier knows we want it, the more it will cost us to get it. Let the process play out

Smart gave up their 3 medical events for an extra sick day, they didn't get anything. They gave up the 3 events

If you are over tonnage due to p/u's or setting power out, let Dwight know

Any current pl days you have scheduled after Aug 1st will disappear at 0001 July 31st

August 1st we will get 3 paid sick days and Jan 1st you will get 5 more. After that all sick days will Start on Jan 1st

Jeff Sichta stepped down as 1st Vice of local 699 and Terry Pittman has replaced him

When you stop for the final time inside the OMC and are waiting for a ride, after 45 min you start getting paid straight time over the trip rate until you are picked up. Put the claims in

Claim rule 20b for switching while yarding your train if you make over 3 moves. We don't set out blocks, we fill up tracks, especially with a switch engine on duty

Sick or injured:

Kurt Fleer

Chuck Lyons

Recently passed away:

None

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Rob Kennedy 2nd Brian Held, unanimous

Meeting adjourned 11:00

August 2023
08/14/2023 09:02

Open meeting with due form

Motion to suspend reading of previous months minutes by Luke Wright 2nd by Jeff Sichta 9-0 in favor

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 25 turns on 24.52-26.33 25.39 mid

RE10: 12 turns on 11.82-12.77 12.3 mid

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 11 turns on calls for 6.74-14.17

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

Ryan Hague

Financial Report:

\$5335.92.14 and 76 members

TSC:

Waiting for final approval from GM on bid on Mo Valley parking lot

Still working on vegetation-a lot of work around b001

225 days injury free-no engineer injuries

Reporting issues to TSC is great, but you still need to report on safety hotline to get results

Unfinished Business:

Make sure you are taking steps to be at 40 mph by second advanced approach when running EMS. Its up to you to be at required speed

New Business:

Sept 1st extra board will have the option of 4-1 or 5-1 days with 23 hours off with no reduction in guarantee or loss of bonus day. If you pass on the 23 hours off after 4 days you can't take it after 5 days. You can still work 6 and get FR if you want, but will be deducted guarantee as normal

Newly added out engineer's who didn't get pl days, reach out to Dwight

Next years starts for pl days will drop from 180 to 170

L/C class in Ohio October 23rd-27th. Dwight would like to attend. General Committee will pay daily pay, NARF will pay \$100 a day for hotel. Local will have to pay airfare and difference in hotel room. Motion to approve funds made by Jeff Sichta 2nd by Jason Ward 10-0 in favor

11-4 agreement is to be signed on 08/17, it needs to be implemented within one year

If a pool opts out of the 11-4 all other rules will still be in place. Self supporting pool, first in first out etc.

Newly added out engineers are being allowed to run without EMS for the time being to get used to running on their own. When you tie up, make sure you put comments in and choose fireman in training as the reason

You are not required to call for a ride I n Sioux City until you are on duty

Sick or injured:

Kurt Fleer

Chuck Lyons

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Jeff Sichta 2nd Tom Caudillo, 10-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned 10:06

September 2023
09/11/2023 09:06

Open meeting with due form

Motion to suspend reading of previous months minutes by Luke Wright 2nd by Rob Kennedy 14-1 in favor

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 26 turns on 23.69-25.44 24.54 mid
RE10: 13 turns on 12.18-13.16 12.67 mid

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 11 turns on calls for 6.37-11.69

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

Josh Perry
Dan Voster

Financial Report:

\$3606.28 and 81 members

TSC:

Parking lot in Mo Valley next month. Make sure cars are parked accordingly

Still waiting on change out pad at Benos

Getting new luggage rack at Mo Valley

Working on getting panels moved from parking lot in Fremont. Harriman won't give MOW time to install them

Stop at 35th st to change out instead of pulling down to b001, unless yardmaster will let you change out at 9th ave

Unfinished Business:

L/C meeting for Dwight has been booked

New engineers making familiar trips are not required to use EMS, make note in your tie up

PL days are now able to be paid out annually, banked ones also

New Business:

4-1/5-1 option is now available, you are able to take 23 hrs on the 5th day even if you passed on the 4th day. You should get the option when you tie up

If you're on an outlying vacancy you may take the 23hrs on your 4th or 5th day

You can't say a new conductor is not qualified. Because he's new or not good at his job doesn't mean he's not qualified

Red Block coordinator position will be shifting to a multiple responsibility position. Work force resources/peer support position. Not sure if it's a management position or not.

Your PIN on the authenticator app must be correct. It will generate a code whether the PIN you enter is correct or not.

Initial delay for locals is being paid in conference

Any local that is bulletined a TSE can perform any service. Dogcatch, switch engine, etc.

You can dog catch the locals out of Sioux City, it's up to the conductor what work gets done.

You can disagree and express your opinion with managers, just be professional, don't swear. They need to be professional in return.

FRA spent 2 months in North Platte and were not happy. Sent a letter to Vena letting him know locomotive conditions and bad order cars being sent out of the terminal is unacceptable

If you are caught using an electronic device while moving and the carrier doesn't discipline you, you may still be personally fined by the FRA

Anyone awarded a position via standing bid/bulletin is protected for 15 days from Sadie moves

Quit zone in Blair is only from 2200-0700, it's not stated in the timetables

You may change direction in your track warrant with dispatchers permission in ABS

Annual dinner is Oct 9th at Pizza King. Social hour 5-6, dinner 6-8

Sick or injured:

Kurt Fleer
Chuck Lyons

Recently passed away:

None

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Mike Call 2nd Jeff Sichta, 20-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned 10:29

November 2023
11/13/2023 09:02

Open meeting with due form

Motion to suspend reading of previous months minutes by Jeff Sichta 2nd by Mike Brown 12-0 in favor

Motion to accept financial report Brian McCoy 2nd Jeff Sichta 12-0

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 28 turns on

RE10: 11 turns on

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 8 turns on calls for 5.39-5.85

Legislative:

No report

New Members:

Perry Newbill

Jeremy Davis

Randy Mcneel

Financial Report:

\$4018.12 and 84 members

TSC:

TSC was cut on Wednesday by carrier-Thank you to Luke Wright and Wes Cardy for their excellent work

Unfinished Business:

Still working on getting continuous time dh's to Columbus paid right, Dwight thinks he's making progress

Class 3 air tests are still an issue. Anytime you change your train or consist, make a minimum 20 lb brake pipe set

If your train is over 5000 lbs and you are going over 30 mph, you need an EOT armed and working

Make sure you are protecting your job as far as attendance. Try to use a compensated day before you layoff non-compensated to help Dwight if there becomes an issue. Get a Dr's note or have some kind of documentation

If you test positive for Covid there's a link on the nurse's station on the UP site to fill out a form for approval to miss work

Band is a courtesy, we are not required to have it. Be an adult and use it for info. Opinions and bitching is out of control

No update on new switching limits in Sioux City

G/C met with carrier regarding 11-4, having computer problems with runarounds, dh's counting as starts, first in first out etc. End of this month implementation from Marysville to Kansas City. Carrier has 28 weeks to finish implementation

You must travel 175 miles roundtrip to have your turn dropped at home terminal if you get turned

New Business:

TSC eliminated by Carrier-big Thanks to Luke Wright and Wes Cardy for a great job

Critical rules are changing soon-If you violate any of them you'll be charged with the rule violation and 1.6. As of now there are 17 of them. Please look for flyers and familiarize yourself with them

You're going to lose your job if you're caught using your phone while moving or conductor's performing work

Make sure you're turning on your Zebra device and logging in when you go on duty and turn it off when you get on the train

Dwight was impressed and glad he went to the L/C class. It was very informative

Save your bu's or snap pictures of it for any train over 9000 ft long. Post it on the BLETED website or give it to an officer to forward to the Neb Legislative Rep

Boards are regulated by starts, feel free to ask questions of officers and be respectful and open-minded. There is nothing to hide, long pool is due 7 trips a month. We try to give 7.5 but the agreement says 7

Carrier cut 5% of management-60 days to find a new assignment in the company or exercise seniority

FRA can fine you personally up to \$34,000 for cellphone violation even if the Carrier puts you back to work

Sick or injured:

Kurt Fleer

Chuck Lyons

Roy Jansen

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes Jeff Sichta 2nd Mike Brown, 12-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned 10:58



DID YOU KNOW?

Critical Rules are changing soon.

Critical Rules	
6.5	Shoving Movements
6.5.1	Remote Control Movements
6.27	Movement at Restricted Speed
6.28	Movement on Other than Main Track
7.6	Securing Cars or Engines
8.2	Position of Switches
8.20	Derail Location and Position
8.8	Switches Equipped with Locks, Hooks or Latches
32.1.1	Securement Procedures
32.1.4	Single Car Securement
32.2.1	****Unattended Locomotives****
81.2.2	Sufficient Distance
81.5.4	Red Zone
81.7 (B,C,D,E,F &G)	Riding Equipment
81.8.1	Avoiding Fouling Hazards
81.13.1	Working Between Equipment
Item 10K	Main Track Switches (Dark Territory)

Why are these rules important to me?

December 2023
12/11/2023 09:01

Open meeting with due form

Motion to suspend reading of previous months minutes by Jeff Sichta 2nd by Tom Caudillo 16-0 in favor

Motion to accept financial report Rob Kennedy 2nd Jeff Sichta 16-0 in favor

BLE 183 Report:

RE51: 27 turns on

RE10: 10 turns on

BLE 699 Report:

RE56: 10 turns on calls for 6.3-11.58

Legislative:

Bill going through the House, HR5871 RailWorker and Community Safety Act, 60 pages long and has little chance of getting passed. You can read the entire Bill if you Google it. Any bu's with train length over 7500 ft can be emailed to Pat Pfifer @ driveatrain@gmail.com He's the Neb legislative rep and he's keeping track of these trains.

New Members:

John Larsen

Financial Report:

\$3199.9 and 84 members

Unfinished Business:

Still waiting on final number of new Cardinal Safety rules

Keep putting claims in for being paid sep/apart dh to outlying points instead of continuous time

No change in switching limits in Sioux City

AGP elevator in Sargent Bluff is first district work (pulling/spotting) the carrier is trying to use the same set of power to do both and we are trying to come up with best/easiest way to do it.

New Business:

Engineers don't have the right of refusal for anything. Make your case but do the work and file a claim. You don't get released for running your lunch period

Taking your meal period on the end is not advised, we don't have an agreement for that

The union has requested that all peer trainer positions be bulletined by the Carrier

Make sure you are checking in on your Zebra's. If you are deadheading to an outlying point, put that in the reason you are late checking in

Make sure you are going through your paperwork when you come on duty before you do anything else

If your conductor is supposed to be on the ground doing a roll by, stay off your phone till the train has passed

On Sioux City sub, if there's a speed restriction change pop up on PTC it has to be given verbally by the dispatcher also

Mxscb setting cars out at Sloan to be picked up and taken to NP. If you can't get into the elevator, call the dispatcher and let him make the call

Carrier is only going to replace whole and half mile markers

Helping our new employees is good for all of us but we are not able to teach them what the Carrier hasn't taught them in training

Sick or injured:

Kurt Fleer

Chuck Lyons

Recently passed away:

Motion to suspend reading the minutes Jeff Sichta 2nd Randy Schochenmaier, unanimous

Meeting adjourned 10:16