

**Onondaga County Traffic Safety Board**  
**Revised March 12, 2002**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:**

Ann Barnett  
Mike Davison  
Gerry Deitz, Sr.  
Diana Dibble  
Lyman Gray  
John Hayes  
Tim Hunt  
Charlie Jones  
Debbie Kogut  
John Leo  
Bill Loucks

Laura Madelone  
Bill McAnelly  
Liz Morgan  
Bill Mulroy  
Glenn Murdock  
Phil Politano  
Mary Rowlands  
Kay Staley-Smith  
Irene Scruton  
Pat Wortley

**Excused:**

Wendell Boehne, Ted Botsford, Linda McKinnon, Christopher Navetta, Barry Stevens, Shannon Trice and Brendan Whelan.

**1. Welcome**

Chairperson Kay Staley-Smith opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Centro. All present introduced themselves. Bill Mulroy is the New York State Thruway Authority representative.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes**

Kay Staley-Smith asked if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes of January 8, 2002. It was noted that Ralph Viviano was excused from the January 8, 2002 meeting. A Motion to accept the minutes as made by Diana Dibble and seconded by Bill McAnelly. The motion passed.

**3. Committee Reports**

Ms. Staley-Smith provided each committee chairperson with a packet to be filled out and returned to her.

Project Planning: Mary Rowlands stated that the committee has not met yet.

By-Laws: Gerry Deitz gave dates for possible meetings. It was decided that the By-Laws Committee would meet on March 26, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. at Centro.

Nominating: Mr. Deitz stated that the committee would meet later in the year.

Legislative: Diana Dibble stated that the committee would meet following the By-Laws Committee meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Grants: Liz Morgan stated that the GTSC is holding informational sessions over the next few weeks. The grant applications are due in May. The regular OCTSB meeting is too late in the month, so a special Grants Committee meeting will need to be held. Further, an extra meeting in April may be called so Board Members can review the grant applications. Grant applications are due to Debbie Kogut by April 15, 2002. Ms. Rowlands will send a reminder notice to all.

#### **4. Meeting Format**

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that it has been recommended that changes be made to the meeting format. The Round Table discussion can go very long. It is requested that anyone wishing to speak or make a presentation at the regular meeting should contact Ms. Rowlands prior to the mailing the week before the meeting. Also, a sign up sheet will be handed out at the beginning of the meeting so people may sign up to speak. All present were in agreement with the new procedure.

Additionally, Ms. Kogut and Ms. Barnett will provide a summary of OCTSAB activities at every meeting.

Discussion was had relative to holding a Board Member Only meeting either before or after meetings in order that Board Members discuss and vote on Board business. Bill McAnelly inquired as to the difference in having all present at the meeting. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that only Board Members could vote on items that need action.

After discussion those present vetoed the idea. The meeting will stay the same with the exception of not going around the table if time is limited. Ms. Rowlands stated that the By-Laws should be modified to identify the meeting format. Following further discussion, it was decided that items that require a vote would be placed on the agenda first.

Ms. Rowlands passed around an updated version of the TSB membership. She requested that those present review it and make any necessary changes.

#### **5. Overviews of Programs Possibly Supported by the OCTSAB**

Ms. Staley Smith inquired if anyone was doing anything different next year.

Mike Davison, Think First, presented a short video showcasing the Think First program.

Charlie Jones stated that the State Police would make a presentation at the next meeting.

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that better recognition needs to be made at the next Awards Breakfast and cited possible recognition.

Irene Scruton stated that the Safety Council would be looking to renew their grant for Alive at 25. Also the Safety Council would like to see a graduated licensing system implemented.

Phil Politano stated that the Sammy Seat Belt program is only funded through the end of this school year. Rural Metro is working with Upstate and the Syracuse Police to see what differences the program made – stating at the very least there was a change in the child's attitude as to why it is important to buckle up. Rural Metro can no longer afford to fund the program so they will be applying for grant monies.

Ms. Morgan noted that there are separate pools of money available for different programs through the GTSC.

Ms. Rowlands inquired as to the OCTSAB ranking the proposals before submitting them. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that we received less GTSC money last year than before. Ms. Kogut stated that the process keeps changing, noting that we only received a little less funding last year. Ms. Morgan noted that the GTSC is a politically created organization.

Ms. Dibble inquired if there was anything that measured the success of the program funding. Ms. Kogut stated that the GTSC couldn't afford not to fund the OCTSAB. Mr. Politano stated that traditionally Rural Metro couldn't get the money to fund programs, let alone do the research regarding success rates. Ms. Barnett stated that measuring the impact on a child in school is hard to do.

## **6. New Business**

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the OCTSAB will not be in the parade this year, but they are holding a spot for next year. There is now a fee to be in the parade which could range from \$10-\$100. In addition to the fee, there is a problem with getting people to be in the parade due to conflicting commitments. Before next year's parade a decision will be made. Mr. McAnelly stated he would see that the OCTSAB gets the \$100 (if that's the correct fee) for the parade if they wish to be in it next year.

Mr. Deitz volunteered to host the November meeting at Centro. Discussion was had regarding the July picnic. If anyone wished to host a future meeting please let Ms. Staley-Smith know.

Glenn Murdock inquired about new member Orientation Packets. Ms. Staley-Smith is working on it. Discussion was had about possibly holding lunch meetings with new members twice a year. Mr. Murdock will assist Ms. Staley-Smith.

**7. Round Table**

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the DMV is taking a hard look at identification since September 11<sup>th</sup>, as papers are being scrutinized more than ever.

Ms. Kogut & Ms. Barnett's synopsis was handed out to members together with revised informational brochures.

**8. Questions and Answers**

**9. Closing**

Ms. Morgan moved and Ms. Rowlands seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**  
Tuesday, May 14, 2002  
9:30 AM  
SMTC  
100 Clinton Square  
126 N. Salina Street  
Lower Level Conference Room