

Minutes of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission Board Meeting  
Friday, May 7, 2004  
1:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at 100 North Tucker Boulevard

Call to Order at 1:10 pm by Vice Chairman Lou Hamilton. He explained that, due to the absence of Chairman McCarthy, who is in Jefferson City today working on Legislative matters for the Commission, he will chair this meeting.

Roll Call was conducted. All members were present except Chairman McCarthy and Commissioners Bennett, Harris and Satz. Note: MTC legal counsel Patrick McCarthy was not in attendance.

Note: there were 13 attendees in the audience.

The Minutes of the April 2, 2004 meeting were reviewed (advance copies had been sent to all Commissioners); there being no additions, deletions or corrections, the Minutes were approved.

*\* Motion was made by Mr. McNutt, seconded by Mr. Rudawsky and passed by unanimous vote.*

Chairman directed that the agenda be re-ordered, and that we begin with the Treasurer's Report. Mike Morgan, Treasurer, presented his report. He stated that the figures are current through April 30; the percentages shown are contrasted with total expenses. Mr. Morgan is not showing our expenses as compared to our revenues and budget, since our revenue is so cyclical in nature. Chairman called for any questions about the budget; hearing none, the report was accepted and the Treasurer was thanked for his research and this report.

Chairman further revised the agenda order, and instructed Mr. Tully to give his report, combining it as much as possible with his replies to various outstanding items of old business.

#### Director's Report

1. Investigation of CCNs: the MTC enforcement agents are making "check calls" at odd hours, and inspecting office locations, to ensure compliance. He will keep all apprised as it develops.
- 2 At the last meeting, Tully was asked to check premium sedans – there were no *applications* made, but four companies have inquired about the moratorium.
3. Distribution of Violation Report forms - in each Commissioner's folder is a sample of the Missouri Uniform Traffic Ticket, which staff will redesign to make it applicable to our function – that is already in development.
4. We had an inquiry from a company, regarding fuel surcharges. Mr. Tully has reviewed the Code and has verified that he as Director can make a *recommendation*, but the Commission still must vote on this. He asked for comments from the panel.

Mr. McNutt stated he supports adopting a surcharge, but proposed capping the amount at \$1 each way, per trip. He stated that Director Tully should be empowered to approve it, but stated it must be posted very clearly so passengers know it is an authorized surcharge. Mr. Hamilton suggested instead that Mr. Tully approve these requests case by case, so it's on record; he clarified that nobody is *required* to add a fuel surcharge but that if they do so, there must be a record of their application and of the Director's approval. No one will be denied, and the approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, Mr. Hamilton stated.

Following a discussion of how to word this policy, and how to address rescinding the surcharge should fuel prices decline, Mr. Hamilton made the motion to authorize the Director to grant and to rescind permanent certificate holders the permission to add \$1 *per trip* as a surcharge, to deal