

Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation Program Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/12/18 **Meeting time:** 7:02 pm

Meeting location: Sandown Town Hall

Meeting called by: Regina Wilson

Secretary of Minutes: Scott Bickford

Attendees: Al, Coleen, Regina, Duane, Scott & Ron

Guest: Chief Gordon attended meeting to talk to us about possibility of using retired police car for transporting.

Review of previous minutes: We did not review but they are included below so please read and be prepared to approve both these minutes and last month's minutes at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reported the SSATP fund has \$20660.60 in the accounts, no new activity.

Trips and Miles: Trips for January = 20; Miles = 287. Regina noted Town annual report from 2015 thru 2017: 10K miles down to 4K mile so some discussion about marketing this service (dialysis and chemo rides accounted for a lot of those miles in earlier days)

Donations:

Regina submitted \$30 with proper form to Ron

Al gave \$20 in donations and Scott \$10 in donations from riders.

Open Discussion:

We discussed possibilities of using the retired police car. Pluses and Minuses discussed, some logistics issues. Scott had polled some drivers last week to see if they would be interested. 4 or 4 drivers said they'd prefer to drive their own cars. Concern that someone would have to be responsible for maintaining this vehicle too. Members thanked and asked Chief Gordon to please consider us again when another vehicle comes available as the situation might change between now and then.

Conversations around driving more people who need rides. Colleen - maybe talk to Atkinson about how they do it. Chief suggest talking to Bill Constantino.

Magnetic signs for sides of drivers cars for advertisement? Use sign in front of town hall? We'll need more drivers too especially in the winter months.

Also discussed changing the name of the Program to shorten it. Sandown Senior Transport, Sandown Transport Service (I added this one because it takes out the non-PC "Senior"), Sandown Transport even?

Driver discussion/reimbursement

\$10 for every 80 miles. We discussed increasing that to make it cover the cost of fuel for the driver. Not up to going rate of .55/mile which covers wear and tear but enough to cover gas

used. Also discussed not having to track for those who don't want gas cards, consider it a donation to the program.

Talked about tracking miles, AI is good with using mileage chart, if drivers don't give miles then just credit for distance between from and to addresses.

AI talking about people that have difficulties and how we need to be aware and watch/help people especially with bad weather/footing issues.

Emergency contact on our ride registrations & contact forms so drivers have someone to contact. Regina talked about possibly pulling a meeting together with ALL drivers to get their feedback on the program.

Regina discussion around having a separate phone number for people to call if they have questions about the program. Perhaps eventually for scheduling rides so as not to burden the Police with doing this. Scott mentioned Google phone number which could be redirected to anyone's phone at any time for backup coverage.

Next Meeting Date: 3/6/18 at 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Bickford, Assistant Secretary ☺

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