

# **Wisconsin Towing Association**

## **Board Meeting Agenda**

**Dewey's Towing - Beloit, WI**

**October 29, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.**

-  **Call to Order**
-  **Secretary's Report**
-  **Membership Report**
-  **Financial Report**
-  **Legislative Report**
-  **New Business**
-  **Next Meeting**
-  **Adjourn**



**WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
June 19, 2022  
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells**

Chairman Jean Wedel called meeting to order at 10:28 a.m.

**In Attendance – see attached sheet**

**Meeting Minutes**

Chair Wedel called on Dan Johnson to read the minutes of the March 26, 2022 board meeting. A motion by Junior Merten and seconded by Mark Salentine was made to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**Financial Report – Provided and reported at the annual meeting**

**Membership Report – Provided and reported at the annual meeting**

**Legislative Report– Provided and reported at the annual meeting**

**Other Business**

Jean Wedel mentioned she would like to arrange a Succession Planning seminar or Webinar for some time in the fall, perhaps mid-week of mid-September. Dan Johnson said we have a member that is ready to do it but a Webinar might be best for attendance and the ability to have it recorded and saved for future use.

Aaron Richard said board meetings should be more open through the Zoom video-conference feature. Dan Johnson said that Zoom meetings are fine but there can be issues with Wi-Fi and other problems that have come up with video-conferencing. Some members have done it but have experienced technical problems. Also, a person on a Zoom call may not be able to hear those speaking in attendance. But the option could certainly be open for all future board meetings.

Jamon Ingelse said he is working on some training sessions, minimum requirements, etc. More information to come about this.

The board discussed possibly moving the 2024 Tow Show to a new location in the Dells area and maybe the weekend after Father's Day. Craig Goldbeck made a motion and Betty Parnham seconded it to have WTA staff research other options and dates. Dan Johnson said he would put out a survey to all members regarding the date and report back.

The next board meeting will be October 22, 2022 at a location yet to be determined. Seeing no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Junior Merten and seconded by Wayne Lammert. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Johnson, Secretary  
Wisconsin Towing Association

**WI Towing Association Board Meeting  
General Attendance**

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**NAME**

**COMPANY**

DAN JOHNSON	WTA
Jean Rogers - Wedel	Dewey's
Jamon R Ingels	Lansar
Wayne Lammert	Rods Towing
Jim Weyandt	Express Towing.
Left Roskopf	Roskopf's
Marion Lammert	Rod's Towing
Geri Roskopf	Roskopf's Towing
Bill SEIWER	Bill's
Kedy Seiner	Bill's
MARK PIATT	PIATT'S
Mary Platt	Platt's
Ryan Richard	Guy's - Kieler
Aaron Richard	Guy's Truck-Kieler

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COMPANY

Craig GOLDBECK	GOLDBECK TOWING SERVICE
Alex Schmidt	Schmidt's Auto
John Schmidt	Schmidt's Auto
Joan Schmidt	Schmidt's Auto
Cathy Davis	Davis Auto Service Inc
Glenn D. Meyer	Glenn Meyer
Ted Kabus	Kabus Auto Body & Collision
JOHN MERTEN JR	MERTEN'S Service
Josh Wedel	Dewey's Towing
GARY WEDEL	Dewey's
Kyle Gessler	Gessler AUTO
Ryan Tessmer	Emergency Startng & Towing LLC
Sherry Matthews	Zips/AW Direct
Alex Doughs	AT's Towing

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COMPANY

Michelle Sukow

HDM Towing

Betty Pambam

Johnson Towing

Danell Pambam

Johnson Towing

Sean Zacher

Zacher Truck

John Zacher

Zacher Truck

Dave Whealon

Whealon Towing

Kim Kumbier

Kumbier Towing

Pat Kunkle

Kumbier Towing

Craig & Lea Ann LAABS

HEAVY Duty

Nancy Brust

Margaret Rogers

Dewey's

Key W/ Co

1/4 WTS

Joe Plunk

KWTS

Mark Salentine

Ray's

**WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
OCTOBER 29, 2022**

*Last report issued June 19, 2022*

**New Members**

Superior Towing LLC – Superior, WI  
Refining Repair and Maintenance – Ladysmith, WI

Total: 2

**Cancelled Members**

M&R Service Center.....Declined to renew  
J&J Towing and Recovery.....Non-payment of dues  
WI Repossession Agents.....Non-payment of dues  
Elite Towing and Transport.....Closed  
Jerr-Dan.....Non-payment of dues  
Brauner's Garage.....Non-payment of dues  
Brown's Service TPL.....Non-payment of dues  
L&S Towing.....No longer towing  
Speedy Peedy Towing.....Non-payment of dues  
Shawn Hughes.....Non-payment of dues

**Total: 8**

<b>Towing Companies</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Allied</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Out of State</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Friends</b>	<b>6</b>
 <b>Total members</b>	 <b>149</b>



**WI Towing Association  
Treasurer's Report  
October 29, 2022**

Between October 1, 2021 and October 1, 2022, Wisconsin Towing Association revenue was \$95,730 and expenses were \$92,115 with a Fund Balance on October 1, 2022 of \$52,696.

2022 Tow Show revenue was \$61,456 and expenses were \$36,579, for a net profit of \$24,977.

Financial statements are in the packet, and this concludes the financial report.

**Wisconsin Towing Association  
Balance Sheet Comparison**

	<u><b>Sep 30, 2022</b></u>	<u><b>May 31, 2022</b></u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Total Checking	\$ 52,696.40	\$ 77,404.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>52,696.40</u>	<u>77,404.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>52,696.40</u>	<u>77,404.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 52,696.40</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 77,404.00</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Equity		
Fund Balance	\$ 52,696.40	\$ 77,404.00
Total Equity	<u>52,696.40</u>	<u>77,404.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>\$ 52,696.40</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 77,404.00</b></u>



**Wisconsin Towing Association  
Profit Loss Comparison**

	<u>Oct 21 - Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 20 - Sep 21</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
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Contribution Income	1,929.50	2,416.50
Convention Income	61,456.50	60,125.00
Dues	32,344.00	36,799.50
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>95,730.00</u>	<u>99,341.00</u>
<b>Other Expense</b>		
Administrative Fees	44,500.00	44,500.00
Association Meetings	0.00	478.47
Contributions & Scholarships	9,255.00	6,706.00
Convention Expenses	36,579.57	30,956.48
Membership Dues/Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	101.40	150.72
Travel Expenses	679.79	754.88
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>92,115.76</u>	<u>84,546.55</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>3,614.24</u>	<u>14,794.45</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>3,614.24</u></u>	<u><u>14,794.45</u></u>

**WI Towing Association  
Legislative Report  
October 29, 2022**

Wisconsin State Legislature:

Since the legislature adjourned for the session, the Department of Revenue's fiscal estimates for the end of the fiscal year ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> show a surplus of \$4B and projected to exceed \$5B at the end of the calendar year due to higher than projected tax revenues. Both the Governor and the legislature are at odds as to what to do with the surplus in terms of spending and tax cuts.

Governor Evers Sets Veto Record:

Governor Evers has set the all-time record for vetoes during the 2021-22 session. Evers vetoed 126 bills in full and on bill in part. The Governor vetoed more bills than any other Wisconsin governor in a single legislative session. The title was previously held by Governor Zimmerman, who vetoed 90 bills in the 1927-28 legislative session.

**August Primary Election Results**

**Governor**

Businessman Tim Michaels beat former Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch by 5 percentage points and will face Governor Tony Evers in November. Michaels was supported by former President Donald Trump and former Governor Tommy Thompson, while Kleefisch was backed by former VP Mike Pence, former Governor Walker and the state's largest business group, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.

**Lt. Governor**

State Senator Roger Roth (Republican) will join the ticket with Tim Michaels which State Representative Sara Rodriguez will be on the ballot with Governor Evers.

## **U.S. Senate**

Sen. Ron Johnson is one of Democrats' top targets in the fall. Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes is the nominee after several high-profile Democrats dropped out of the primary in recent weeks.

## **U.S House**

One election of interest is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District where Rep. Ron Kind is retiring. State Senator Brad Pfaff won his primary on the Democrat side while Republican Derrick Van Orden won his primary election. This is a closely watched race as the district is considered a coin toss.

## **Wisconsin Attorney General**

Current Wisconsin AG Josh Kaul will face District Attorney Eric Toney as the Republican challenger to this office. This was a tight race on the Republican side but Mr. Toney prevailed.

## **Secretary of State**

Longtime incumbent Doug La Follette (D) won the party nomination for this office. On the Republican side, State Sen. Amy Loudenbeck won her primary election so the two will face off for this office which has very little power or influence left in it.

## **Wisconsin State Assembly**

No races of interest in the State House, with the exception of the challenge to Assembly Speaker Robin Vos. A Trump-endorsed candidate emerged in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District and nearly beat the longtime speaker, losing by only 260 votes.

This concludes the Legislative Report.

# **WISCONSIN TOWING ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

**(Adopted April 13, 1989)**

**(Amended June 7, 1992)**

**(Amended June 18, 1995)**

**(Amended October 17, 1998)**

**(Amended June 21, 2015)**

## **ARTICLE I - OFFICES**

The office of the Association shall be located in the city of Madison, Wisconsin or in such other city as may be selected by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. Qualifications. Membership shall be open to any individuals, partnerships or corporations who are directly or indirectly engaged in the business of towing and/or recovery of motor vehicles in this State, whether wrecked, disabled, or in good operating condition over the highways, streets and ways of this State.

SECTION 2. Classes of Membership. The Association shall have regular and associate classes of membership.

(a). Regular membership shall be open to any person, partnership or corporation domiciled in the state of Wisconsin directly engaged in the business of towing and/or recovery of motor vehicles      privately or for hire.

(b). Associate membership shall be open to any company or individual wishing to lend their support to the Association and shall be called associate membership.

SECTION 3. Application for Membership. Application for membership shall be made upon an application form as required by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Membership Fees and Dues. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount and terms of payment of any membership fees and/or annual dues payable to the Association by applicants for membership.

SECTION 5. Termination; Reinstatement. Membership in the Association may be terminated as follows:

(a). Membership may be terminated for nonpayment of the membership fees and/or annual dues established by the Board of Directors and assessed by the Association.

(b). Membership in the corporation may be terminated by a member at any meeting or by submission to the Association at its registered office of a written notice of their desire to withdraw from membership, specifying the date on which such termination shall become effective.

(c). A former member shall be reinstated to membership upon payment of all dues and fees established by the Board of Directors for membership of good standing in the Association.

## **ARTICLE III - MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. Annual & Special Meetings. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at a place to be selected by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Notice of Meetings. A written or printed notice stating the time, location and agenda for the annual and any special meetings shall be mailed to each member at his or her last known address, or electronically mailed to his or her last known e-mail address, by or at the direction of the Secretary, not less than ten (10) days before the holding thereof.

SECTION 3. Quorum. A quorum of any annual or special meeting of the members of the Association shall

consist of 15 percent or more of the members of this Association in good standing present at such meeting.

SECTION 4. Voting. All members in good standing except individual members referred to in Article II, Section 2(b) shall be entitled to cast one vote, in person, upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of members.

#### **ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

(a). The Board of Directors is authorized to also name Honorary Directors. To be eligible for designation as an Honorary Director, an individual must have been a past director and must have made significant contributions to the Association and the industry over an extended period of time. If a person is approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the Board for designation as an Honorary Director, he or she is specifically invited to every Board function, but would not have voting rights.

SECTION 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The number of directors of this Association shall be seventeen (17) and all active past chairmen representing the person, partnership or corporation who is a member of the Association. No company may have more than one voting member on the Board of Directors. No director may be an Honorary Director and an active past chairman at the same time. Sixteen (16) directors of this Association shall be nominated from the membership at large and shall serve for terms of three (3) years each. Five (5) directors will be elected each year for two years and six (6) directors will be elected once every three years. One (1) director shall be nominated from the Associate membership to serve a term of one (1) year. Such directors shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve their term of office, or until their respective successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Each director and active past chairman shall be a voting member or a designated representative of a voting member of the Association.

SECTION 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Chairman or any two (2) directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the time and place of such meetings.

(a). Notice. Notice of any special meeting shall be delivered at least five (5) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally, by U.S. mail, first class postage, or electronically mailed to each director at their business address or e-mail address.

(b). Quorum. A majority of the number of directors fixed pursuant Section 2 hereof shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

(c). Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Resignation. Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman or the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. Any such resignation shall take effect at the specified time therein, and unless specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 5. Removal. Any director may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the number of members present and voting at a special meeting called for the purpose.

SECTION 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors for whatever reason may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board of Directors though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors, and each director so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term, or until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

#### **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. Number. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Chairman of the Board of Directors and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each annual meeting of the members. Each officer shall hold office for the period of two (2) years, or until his or her successor shall have been elected and duly qualified.

SECTION 3. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Board of Directors or the Chairman of Board of Directors. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 4. Removal. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the total number of directors, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any of the person so removed.

SECTION 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office, for whatever reason, may be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors, and each officer so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term, or until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 6. Chairman. The Chairman shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association. He or she shall appoint all standing or special committees deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The Chairman shall be a member ex-officio of all standing and special committees.

SECTION 7. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall discharge the duties of the Chairman in the event of absence or disability, for any cause whatever of the latter.

## **ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted as follows:

(a). By the affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting on the proposed amendment or amendments, at a regular or special meeting of members, as provided by law; or,

(b). If the Board of Directors has been duly authorized by the members to exercise from time to time the power of amendment, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors who are present and entitled to vote on the proposed amendment or amendments, at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, as provided by law. Notice of the meeting of members or the Board of Directors and of the proposed amendments or amendments shall be given.