

**Teamsters Hall**  
**1-14-2019 9:00am**

Open meeting without due form.

Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by D Carman seconded E Abboud, 13-2

**BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 29turns on, calls for 29.07-31.22

RE10: 19 turns on, calls for 20.15-21.77

**BLE 699 Report:**

RE56: 11 turns on

**Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 22 turns on – last meeting, 18 on

NX039-XE10: 10 turns on – last meeting, 10 on

**Legislative:**

None

**New Members:**

Freddie Marquez-nominated by J Sichta seconded by W Keefer-unanimous

Eric Sedlacek-nominated by B Mccoy seconded by J Brown-unanimous

**Financial Report:**

\$4,790.20 ending balance 01/14/19 and 91 members.

Motion to accept financial report by B Mccoy, seconded E Abboud, Unanimous.

**Unfinished Business**

Trip rate on picker- carrier served notice they were going to trip rate the picker \$306.92-carrier has to give a year notification. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> -Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 will be test period. Initial and final will be figured in to rate. Fighting with carrier over some points, carrier wants initial after 75min we believe it should be after 30min. Wanted to pursue getting NP pickers trip rate of \$355.03 and have a flip day to avoid federal rest. If you work the picker make sure you are claiming initial and final accurately.

**New Business**

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If a time claim be prossessed for the violation its not a Major dispute

Talked about union officers holding turns indefinitely-will work to be better

D Heiman called safety hotline about fleeting of crews, lc Mccoy is keeping spreadsheet to document.

Brother Keefer would like to recite pledge of allegiance prior to open of meeting.

Shouldn't be called to dogcatch out of cb on sioux city pool and tie up in sioux city, if you get paid properly for doing it and boards were exhausted, not much we can do about it.

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D Heiman brought up asking for tow-in for non protected employees after 12 hrs in our next contract.

Unless power is double ended on Sloan grain trains make sure power goes to sgt bluff or the yard.

If a dispatcher wants to give you his initials to move your train for some reason, make sure to ask what rule is referenced.

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**Recently passed away:**

**Sick and Injured:**

**BLET699**

None

**BLET183**

R Schrack      D O'Brien

M Lang

**Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Terry Brooner seconded Joe Brown, 12-3.**

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**Meeting adjourned at 11:00am**

**Teamsters Hall**  
**2/11/19 9:00am**

**Open meeting without due form.**

**Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by D Carman seconded T Brooner 11-2**

**BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 26 turns on, calls for 24.41-26.22 mid 25.29

RE10: 18 turns on, calls for 17.82-19.26 mid 18.54

**BLE 699 Report :**

RE56: 10 turns on

**Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 22 turns on – last meeting, 21 on

NX039-XE10: 10 turns on – last meeting, 10 on

**Legislative:**

Chris Beherens passed out hours of service forms to track violations and report

**L/C Report:**

Carrier served notice to no longer include DH's on the sequence ratio boards. 1/16 General Chairman sent letter to carrier disagreeing with DH's on the sequence boards. On 2/8 the carrier served notice they are going to now include the DH's on the sequence boards, however they are going to do daily skips and over-rides. The G.C. had conference call without brother McCoy present regarding this issue..

**New Members:**

Dave Winchester

nominated by Terry Brooner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Mccollough-unanimous

**Financial Report:**

\$4,581.41 ending balance 02/11/19 and 94 members.

Motion to accept financial report by Dana Carman, seconded Dan Pietryga , Unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:**

Carrier refuses to reimburse for vehicles towed at Fremont. Lawyers are investigating.

Pat Neito got a 3.5 hour call. Time claim available.

**New Business:**

Terry Brooner made a motion to send a letter to the General Chairman stating div 183 has lost confidence in his leadership and asking for his resignation. Also send copies to all ED divisions stating our intentions plus to the National President and Vice Presidents. Seconded by Dana Carman.

Unanimous 18-0

Division 699 voted 4-0 in support.

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Terry Brooner made a motion to send a letter to the General Chairman requesting information as to the office managers daily routine, compensation package, and health care package. Seconded by Dan Pietryga

Unanimous 18-0

Division 699 voted 4-0 support.

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Caller is supposed to tell you if you're zone or non-zone when you're called, should show in work history.

Dan Pietryga asked about sitting on trains waiting for dogcatch crews, plan must be in place before you die or else it's an FRA violation. Dogcatch crew must be on duty before you die.

Who is pushing the DG units-corridor and dispatcher can ok you to run them.

Don't swear at CMS, hang up and call one of your committee members if you're having a problem.

Dale Heiman asking about leaving CB for MO Valley when you don't have time to make it.

Trying to get Clinton crews to come towards CB to get trains if you can't make it..

Check on first out agreement for crew vanning to Sioux City when crews are rested In Sioux City.

L/C McCoy curious about serving notice on several agreements to force carrier's hand to follow agreements and procedures. Coal board, pool regulating day, make whole and sadie hawkins agreements.

When called for OPPD outside of yard calling hours put in a time claim.

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### **Recently passed away:**

### **Sick and Injured:**

**BLET699**

None

**BLET183**

Jason Ward

Mike Lang

**Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Terry Brooner seconded Dana Carman, 17-1**

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**Meeting adjourned at 11:19am**

## March 2019

**Teamsters Hall**  
**03/11/2019 9:00am**

**Open meeting without due form.**

**Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by D Carman seconded J Leaders 7-0**

### **BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 29 turns on, calls for 29.17-31.33 mid 30.21

RE10: 21 turns on, calls for 20.15-21.75 mid 20.96

### **BLE 699 Report:**

RE56: 11 turns on

### **Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 22 turns on – last meeting, 22 on

NX039-XE10: 13 turns on – last meeting, 10 on

### **Legislative:**

No report

### **L/C report:**

Make sure you check your vacation bids when brother Brooner posts updates on Wed. and Sat. some bids aren't getting through.

General Chairman Geisler responded to our letter stating the division had lost faith in his leadership. He says he will not resign and give up the fight he started. His response to our requests about his staff duties and compensation. Says his secretary's salary is \$39,257 and her duties include inbound and outbound correspondence, answering phones, and filing claims.

Brother McCoy will put copies of responses on the website.

We averaged 13.7 turns behind in North Platte on the long pool. 2nd's averaged 5.3 behind in CB. Fremont pool averaged 7.8 behind in North Platte and 2nd's averaged 19.4 behind in Fremont.

Brother Nesmith would like a phone call, day or night, if you are told to tie your train down northbound at Mondamin. He wants to try to get the power to the south end due to crew change issues on the north end.

Harriman is going to use skips and over rides as they see fit. L/C is working to put a stop to it. We want to have a written agreement before we allow this.

### **New Members:**

Luke Wright nominated by D Carman jr 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Murray 10-0 in favor

John Johnson nominated by T Brooner 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Kennedy 10-0 in favor

### **Financial Report:**

\$4468.16 ending balance 02/11/19 and 95 members.

Motion to accept financial report by Dana Carman, seconded R Kennedy , Unanimous.

### **Unfinished Business**

Follow up on Clinton crews OMC qualification with SR Mop Tracy Brown-no response yet.

Gen Chairman made an agreement to no longer process short crew pay lost in arbitration, we are following up. He says other G/C agreed with him, we want to see agreement if it's in writing and if it's not, why isn't it.

Why is G/C sending all correspondence certified? Cost is prohibitive. We want notification of all contact between he and the carrier regarding Division 183.

When carrier canceled the coal board agreement calling windows come back in play (0600-0759, 1400-1559, 2200-2359). You are allowed a lunch hour now also.

Put in a claim for difference in pay between separate and apart dh and actual time to outlying jobs.

If vans are shut down due to weather, take your time and be safe getting to work.

### **New Business**

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Bad ordered RCX vehicles need to be repaired by qualified mechanics.

Brother Brooner is addressing counters and dropped turns. If turns are dropped multiple times in a day it will be adjusted at the time but not days later.

If your turn gets called for a make whole your turn gets dropped. The Committee can't catch all of them, please tell the caller to drop your turn and text Brian, Terry or Dana.

Pool crews are in FR because the carrier is not maintaining the ratio sequence and not getting crews in place.

L/C McCoy wrote letter no G/C requesting all documents pertaining to ratio boards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> district-no response yet.

Carrier went to FRA in mid-February about hours of service hurting them. FRA activated the Emergency Relief Docket all it means is the carrier is not getting fined, hos is still in place. Effective March 1<sup>st</sup> with no end date. You can't be forced to violate, you are to exhausted to continue on.

Working on a BLET CBA violation form. If you're asked to break an agreement, we want manager to sign it.

Rule 29 freight service-engineer on freight trains will be given a reasonable time to eat if hours on duty make it necessary.

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### **Recently passed away:**

### **Sick and Injured:**

BLET699  
None

BLET183  
Jason Ward  
Mike Lang

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Dana Carman Jr. seconded Terry Brooner, 10-0 in favor

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:58**

April 2019

**Teamsters Hall**  
**04/08/2019 9:00am**

Open meeting without due form.

Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by T Brooner seconded D Carman 6-0

**BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 26 turns on, calls for 20.38-21.89 mid 21.11

RE10: 20 turns on, calls for 15.31-16.55 mid 15.93

Not a full 20 day cycle so we will adjust accordingly as things get back to normal.

**BLE 699 Report:**

RE56: 9 turns on

Standardized work at sloan- if all units are facing north please take to Sgt Bluff and turn on the wye and put it in Sgt Bluff siding. If there's a good south facer power may stay at Sloan.

**Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 22 turns on – last meeting, 21 on

NX039-XE10: 13 turns on – last meeting, 13 on

**Legislative:**

No report

**L/C Report:**

Vacation bid sheet was updated. Test results on all platforms-apple, android, firefox, chrome, internet explorer, were all successful.

Letter from President Pierce regarding G/C's authority to make agreements for local divisions without contacting L/C first. G/C has authority to make decisions-re: ratio boards, without notifying local divisions.

We havent seen letter G/C wrote to Pierce prompting letter from Pierce about G/C's authority. We sent letter to G/C requesting copy of his letter to Pierce.

**New Members:**

Kenneth Stanfield-nominated by T Brooner second by M Brown. 6-0 in favor.

**Financial Report:**

\$3833.03 and 95 members.

Motion to accept financial report by Dana Carman, seconded M Brown , Unanimous.

**Unfinished Business**

G/C hasn't responded to letter inquiring about all correspondence from him being sent registered.

Coal board- engineer's have calling windows not calling times. On duty time must be during normal yard windows or a basic day penalty is due.

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Continue to put in claims for difference in pay between separate and apart dh and continuous time to outlying points.

If a van has any warning lights on, leave van and tell yos/starter van is not road worthy. This ia a safety issue, you are empowered to not ride in a van with warning lights.

G/C hasn't responded to our request for all records regarding ratio boards.

Mgr in Columbus is not allowing crews to use van to get a meal anymore. You are still allowed your time to eat, you may have to walk.

Per Dec meeting voting for a one time dues assessment of \$25 will be applied to Apr dues.

**New Business:**

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Kevin Wood asked how many times you have to feel unsafe in a crew van before you can ask driver to pull over. L/C says the minute you feel unsafe, stop the van.

L/C wrote a personal check to cover back dues not collected by the carrier when he was off sick.

Quadrennial convention is coming up Aug 2020- we can submit by-law changes by votes at division level. Submissions must be made 90 days prior to meeting.

Still haven't received letter of support from 699 President that was approved by 699 membership.

Zone or non-zone question about dogcatching. Dispatcher told crew no zone or non-zone only hours of service relief. L/C says our work rules haven't changed, must be one or the other.

New Supt. In Co. Bluffs-Ricky Wells. Territory from cpb150 to Clinton and Minneapolis.

**Recently passed away:**

**Sick and Injured:**

**BLET699**

None

**BLET183**

Jason Ward

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by T Brooner seconded D Carman jr, 5-0 in favor

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:45**

**April 2019**

**Teamsters Hall**  
**05/13/2019 9:00am**

**Open meeting without due form.**

**Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by J Sweeney seconded D Carman jr 8-0**

**BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 28 turns on, calls for 25.14-27.0 mid 26.04

RE10: 21 turns on, calls for 22.48-24.29 mid 23.39 cut 2 on 5/12

118 engineers working

**BLE 699 Report:**

RE56: 11 turns on

**Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 21 turns on – last meeting, 19 on

NX039-XE10: 13 turns on – last meeting, 11 on

**Legislative:**

No report

**L/C Report:**

Falls City reroutes should end 5/15

Still no response from G/C

Discussion about forming a committee to make by-law changes for next National Convention. Table for one month to gather info.

**New Members:**

none

**Financial Report:**

\$3768.40 and 93 members.

Motion to accept financial report by Dana Carman jr, seconded Jeff Sichta, Unanimous. 10-0

**Unfinished Business:**

Claim for coal board being called outside normal yard calling hours is being paid per Brian Held. Use language from website. Rule-38, claim a basic day and it will be adjusted to difference between on duty time and actual on duty time.

When Called for hours of service relief claim either rule 22 or rule 78, whichever is higher paying, because carrier failed to inform you what you were called for.

Claim dogcatching in I.D. Service if you are required to get another train after handing train off at Gibbon language on website. They are paying these claims according to L/C Mccoy.

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\$25 one time assessment should come out with May payroll.

**New Business:**

Ratio board time claims- new Labor Relations director. Carrier is taking claims serious now and want to meet about them. Trying to run 2-1 1<sup>st</sup> district to 2<sup>nd</sup> district to catch miles up. Fremont pool still having problems getting caught up because of West to East lineup.

Deadheading crews-home crews deadheading to afht will be on duty first.

Too many members calling corridor mgr. Unless you have power problems don't call Corridor! Call your local committee.

L/C Mccooy will put a tutorial on how to look at sequence board.

If the 5 min rule is being enforced in the yard, go to your power and call to get go's, supt bulletins, job brief etc.

**Recently passed away:**

**Sick and Injured:**

BLET699

None

BLET183

none

**Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Dana Carman jr seconded John Sweeney 11-0 in favor**

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:26**

**June 2019**

**Teamsters Hall  
06/10/2019 09:06**

**Open meeting without due form.**

**Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by T Brooner seconded D Carman Jr 9-0**

**BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 28 turns on, calls for 27.0-29.0 mid 27.96

RE10: 24 turns on, calls for 23.46-25.35 mid 24.41

117 engineers working

**BLE 699 Report:**

RE56: 10 turns on may add 1

L/C Nesmith attended an NTSB class recently and said sleep apnea is a top priority.

If you get called out of Sioux City to get a train and tie up back in Sioux City, call L/C Nesmith.

**Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 18 turns on – last meeting, 19 on

NX039-XE10: 12 turns on – last meeting, 11 on

**Legislative:**

No report

**New Members:**

none

**Financial Report:**

\$4946.69 and 93 members.

Motion to accept financial report by Rob Kennedy seconded Scott Johnson Unanimous. 9-0

**Unfinished Business:**

Still paying coal board outside calling hours.

Yard hours are: 0630-0830, 1430-1600, 2230-0000.

Keep claiming dogcatching in pool service if you get a train while deadheading.

\$25 assessment should've come out in first half of June payroll

Keep putting in ratio board claims.

**New Business:**

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Since pulling deadheads out of sequence 2nd's owe us 6.4 starts on long pool and 4.3 on short pool. We are in much better shape since we started and are working to get better.

Grand Island yard will be working Saturday and Sunday for the time being.

We are having a Discussion with Smart local about a joint meeting outside of normal meetings.

Randy Smith made a motion for L/C Mccoy to contact State Legislative Rep about participating in Labor Day parade. Seconded by T Brooner. 9-0 in favor.

If the 5 min rule is being enforced in the yard, go to your power and call to get go's, supt bulletins, job brief etc.

**Recently passed away:**

**Sick and Injured:**

BLET699

None

BLET183

none

**Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Dana Carman jr seconded Rob Kennedy 8-1 in favor**

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:10**

July 2019

**Teamsters Hall**  
**07/08/2019 09:06**

**Open meeting without due form.**

**Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by T Brooner seconded D Carman jr 10-0**

**BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 23 turns on, calls for 22.76-24.44 mid 23.75

RE10: 25 turns on, calls for 22.84-24.68 mid 23.76

112 engineers working

**BLE 699 Report:**

RE56: 10 turns on 7.13-12 leave as is for now

L/C Nesmith would like eng's to claim a basic day if you're rested at the hotel and a sioux city extra board crew is called to unload coal. Language is in site specific sioux city sub.

**Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 18 turns on – last meeting, 18 on

NX039-XE10: 12 turns on – last meeting, 12 on

**Legislative:**

No report

**New Members:**

none

**Financial Report:**

\$6874.33 and 93 members.

Motion to accept financial report by Terry Brooner seconded Dana Carman jr Unanimous.13-0

**Unfinished Business:**

Still paying coal board outside calling hours.

Still paying dogcatching from pool.

\$25 assessment should've come out in last half of June payroll

We're owed 4.6 turns on short pool and 11.54 on long pool since deadheads being taken out as of June. There is 1.35 more starts per day westbound compared to eastbound from Jan-June in the long pool and 4.37 for short pool.

Still working out details for meeting with Smart union.

Application is filed for Labor Day parade

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## **New Business:**

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By-law changes recommendations by Division 183 have to be in by May 2020. some suggestions.

Article 4 (1b) add letter or some other form of written correspondence within 7 days of receipt from us. Phone call response within 48 hrs. letter-7 calendar days and plan of action within 15 days.

Article 4(1f) quarterly report changes..electronic copy of quarterly report. All written correspondence, cost savings benefit.

Add to bylaws suggestion new language- office manager will not be subject to pay raises same as membership and full time GCA officers, raises only during quadrennial. Office mgr pay will never exceed UP utility clerk pay.

L/c McCoy purchased his own copy of CFR part 200-299, valuable info, some can be found online.

Motion made by Terry Brooner-If you request to have your turn cut you may not return to previous assignment for 30 days. Second by Dave Winchester 13-0 in favor. First of 3 meetings.

We try to adjust trip counters in the morning so as not to put someone first out late at night. Try to make it as fair as possible to everyone involved. Counters will no longer be added because you're chasing your turn, you will have to lay off if you're tired of chasing.

L/C McCoy sent letter to G/C about ratio board claims, wanting G/C to contact us before progressing claims for our additional data.

L/C McCoy sent letter to President Pierce requesting help for G/C's lack of response to our initial letter about our lack of confidence in his representation of division 183.

L/C McCoy would like to purchase an external hard drive to keep our records and data digital. Motion to proceed by Dwight Zahnow 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Davis 13-0 in favor. Hard drive will belong to division 183.

Eric Davis about notifying clerk union when we have to service printers or copiers.

Committee still has not met new Supt.

Watch switches, carrier is wanting to hold engineers responsible regardless of where you're running from.

Dont cut out PTC without authority.

## **Recently passed away:**

### **Sick and Injured:**

BLET699

Nick Snethen

Nate Jones

BLET183

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none

Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Terry Brooner seconded Dwight Zahnow 12-0 in favor

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**Meeting adjourned at 10:37**

October 2020

**Teamsters Hall**  
**10/12/20**

**Open meeting without due form.**

**Motion to suspended reading of previous minutes by Gwight Zahnow 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Sichta 9-0 in favor**

**BLE 183 Report:**

RE01: 15 turns on, calls for 14.78-15.97 mid 15.37

RE10: 26 turns on, calls for 26.69-28.67 mid 27.64

106 engineers working

**BLE 699 Report:**

RE56: 10 turns on cut one requested turn

**Extra Boards:**

NX001-XE01: 18 turns on – last meeting, 14 on

NX039-XE10: 7 turns on – last meeting, 7 on

NZ459-XE01: 6 turns on -last meeting 6 on

NX039-RE10 13 on 15.19-14.63 14.6

NZ459-RE51 27 on 26.44-25.5 24.62

**Legislative Report:**

No report

**L/C Report:**

ATC testing-Dwight contacted FRA, if UP has a wiaver they should be able to produce it.

Contacted operating practices, waiting for an answer.

Nick Snethen- conductor cleared warrant w/o checking with engineer. pulled both out of service.

Rob Smith coming back to work.

DH's- 2nd's owe us 8.24 on long pool. We owe 2.4 on short pool.

Some time claims starting to get paid-first time in 21 years.

John Lockard won law board and is coming back to work.

**New Members:**

none

**Financial Report:**

\$6017.75 and 78 members.

Motion to accept financial report by Jeff Sichta seconded Dave Winchester Unanimous.10-0

### **Unfinished Business:**

Vote on mileage vs trips 10-0 to stay with trips.

### **New Business:**

UTUE wanting to layoff union and hold turn in Eastern District-183 position is not to agree to this.

Still waiting to hear who new Supt will be.

Live downloading IFC happening now

Discussed not having an agreement for being turned enroute

Carrier has come out w/policy if you are hurt on duty you have to fill out FMLA paperwork. We feel this is just to get medical info You do NOT have to fill out FMLA.

Double coal trains-Morgan put out under no circumstances are you to take them across the Blair sub.

Mo Valley parking-discussed having afht cars park somewher else.

Please sign up for GC website, also make sure to put time claims in on 183 website.

Boone crews back in Fremont

Portal message concerning calling for rides-Wesuggest waiting till you get to work to arrange for a ride- Our position is HOS starts when you arrange ride if not on duty.

### **Recently passed away:**

None

### **Sick and Injured:**

Rob Kennedy  
Justin Nickell

**Motion to suspend reading the minutes by Jeff Mimick seconded Dwight Zahnow 9-1 in favor**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:48**