

Region 7

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IPSSA, INC. -- REGION 7 **Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 26, 2001** **Minutes**

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the IPSSA Region 7 Board held at Amber's Restaurant, San Diego, was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

Rick Bishop, Region Director
Gordon Pithart, Region Treasurer
Ray Duchene, Benevolent Fund Chairman
Brian Kattke, Carlsbad President
Ted Wilson, North County Coastal President
Wayne Maynard, Rancho Del Mar President
Jon Rumble, San Diego President

Don Wall, San Diego East, R7 Secretary
Geoff Matthews, San Diego East County
Barry Seems, San Diego Metro President
Javier Payan, San Diego Metro VP
A. J. Wilson, NSPI Liaison
Nancy Gillespie, Recording Secretary
Bill Bodry, Challenge Center
Mary Hardison, Challenge Center

Challenge Center – Support for Pool: Bill Bodry of the Challenge Center explained that he founded the Center 16 years ago to provide support and rehabilitation facilities for those with long-term disabilities – to provide improvement through movement. The City of La Mesa recently launched the Parks Project to rebuild two parks. Junior Seau is co-chair, and the founders of EdCo Disposal are on the board of the Parks Project. The Center will move to one of the parks once the \$300,000 renovations are completed. A swimming pool will be built at the new Center. Mr. Bodry asked IPSSA for support and professional recommendations on the pool project and explained that a certain entity has pledged to match pool funding 10 to 1.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Ray Duchene, seconded by Barry Seems, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2001 meeting with the following correction: Metro Chapter Report – “One new member, *Todd Paquin*, took the water chem test and passed.”

Benevolent/Region Emergency Fund Report: Ray Duchene reported that as of May 31, 2001, balance is \$37,472.82, with \$27,104.62 available for distribution, with \$2,000 each paid to two beneficiaries. Emergency Fund – There are two investment CDs totaling \$7,210.33, which cannot be touched; savings account, \$1,325.69.

NSPI Liaison Report: A. J. Wilson reported that the next general meeting of NSPI will be July 10 at Doubletree Golf Resort. At the last meeting, half of the people were IPSSA members. He is focusing on getting NSPI and IPSSA to work together. NSPI is holding the Design Awards and Golf Classic Friday, September 28, 2001; money is raised for Children's Hospital.

Treasurer's Report: Gordon Pithart – As of May 31, 2001, income was \$500.00, expenses were \$841.74, and balance is \$2,143.64. Picnic Account balance is \$6,798.12. He will e-mail the updated proposed 2001 budget to Board members.

Chapter Reports:

Carlsbad -- Brian Kattke reported: 1) The problems with sick route have been resolved. 2) A pump was raffled at the May meeting; a heater will soon be raffled. 3) Recently held a good roundtable discussion on products.

East County -- Don Wall reported 1) Michael Nieratko has been on sick leave for six months, and the chapter has been covering his route. A press release was sent to KUSI outlining what the chapter is doing for Mike. 2) Suggested reviewing expected level of coverage for sick route coverage. Should subs provide the same service the down member did or what the sub normally does? 3) A Pentar filter was recently auctioned. 4) The chapter recently accepted a new member who had only two months experience but had his CPO. Now when looking at new members who have limited experience, his chapter looks at the individual's accomplishments and not just time in the business.

Escondido – There was no rep present; the chapter will be fined \$100.

Metro -- Barry Seems reported: 1) Chapter held its second meeting at its new meeting location. 2) Everybody enjoyed the BBQ held last Thursday. 3) Sta-Rite was a recent guest speaker; they donated a cleaner for the raffle. 4) To recognize chapter supporters, the chapter had supporters' business cards blown up 200% and displayed around the meeting room. In the future, the business cards will be made into banners

N. County Coastal -- Ted Wilson reported: 1) The chapter recently had multiple guest speakers. 2) Chapter is trying to solidify its sick route policy. They have not yet had a member down. Rick reminded him that the B.O.R.D. wants sick route plans from all chapters. 3) An SDG&E rep was hammered at the chapter meeting for saying pump horsepower affects energy usage to any extent.

Rancho Del Mar -- Wayne Maynard reported: 1) One new member. 2) Two members were canceled for non-payment. 3) Chapter will be looking for new officers in the next few months. 4) Meeting night and location might be changed.

San Diego – Jon Rumble reported: 1) Apprenticeship program is working well. 2) Two new prospects from the Chapter web site. 2) Rick administered the water chem test at the last chapter meeting; 17 took the test, and 13 passed. 3) Chapter has a great sick leave chairman. 4) Next chapter meeting will be at a different location; call Jon for details. 5) Instead of a Christmas party, the chapter will have a casino night. 6) Members are giving away the Water Watcher tags as a promotional item.

Region Director's Update:

1) The B.O.R.D. met in Sacramento June 23. They discussed having B.O.R.D. meetings at one central location, as meeting in Texas was very expensive. Rick Bishop asked for input. Also, the B.O.R.D. is considering hiring a facilitator to coordinate Sally Ryan's retirement, review her job duties, and restructure the position. 2) Reimbursement for attending contractors State school has been increased from \$100 to \$200. 3) Rick asked that attendees remind their members to turn off the water to prevent potential costly insurance claims. There was recently a claim for \$90,000 for water damage. 4) We now have legal defense coverage for B.O.R.D. members and chapter board members from AIG, our new insurance carrier; the coverage protects members from liability in their capacity as board members. 5) While in Sacramento, B.O.R.D. members took a private tour of the Senate and Assembly, courtesy of Don Burns, SPEC lobbyist. We owe him a debt of gratitude for pulling for the Vac Alert bill before it was passed.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2001 Region 7 Picnic Report – Don Wall reported the Picnic Committee meets Wednesday, June 27 at Amber's Restaurant; turnout at the last meeting was poor. The picnic will be August 5 at Mission Bay with the theme of "Take Me Out to the Ballpark." Don is looking at two different caterers and reviewing a music CD from a band in another chapter. He asked Rick to explain the silent auction to the committee.

Brian Kattke noted that members of the Carlsbad chapter have complained about having to pay \$15 per member for the picnic, as most members don't attend. It was suggested the cost be changed from \$15 per R7 member to \$7; it was agreed this is an R7 fundraising event and the cost should be kept at \$15 per R7 member.

Gordon Pithart said that the picnic made \$3,038 in 1999 and \$3,437 in 2000. Don Wall noted that Red Barrett of SCP is taking over from Dave Courey as sponsor chairperson; he may not yet be up to speed.

2. R7 Meeting Place – At its March 27, 2001 meeting, motion was passed to change the meeting location from Amber's to Karl Strauss Brewery. Rick reported that food is more expensive at Karl Strauss and recommended remaining at Amber's.

3. Region 7 Directory – A. J. Wilson reported that he prepared a form for individuals to complete specifying how they want their name listed in the directory. Parameters will be set to ensure consistency in the look of all the photos. He has purchased a digital camera for better quality pictures.

4. Water Watcher Tags Distribution – Rick Bishop announced the tags have been printed and may be purchased at the end of the R7 meeting for \$35 for 50 tags (70¢ each). Don Wall declared that R7 originally agreed to sell them for \$1 each to make a profit for the Emergency Fund and questioned why that was changed. Rick explained that when getting permission from Safe Kids Coalition to use their artwork and logo, Safe Kids Coalition did not want anyone to make a sizable profit on this, that the price should be kept low to encourage distribution. Jon

Rumble added that Rick had to concede on this point to move through the negotiation process and commended Rick on a job well done.

5. News Release for Safety Tips – Rick Bishop announced that Nancy Gillespie had written and distributed to the media press releases on “Designated Water Watchers” and “Summer Water Safety Tips.” Nancy passed out blank copies for photocopying on members’ letterhead.

New Business:

1. Challenge Center Support for Pool (taken out of order).
2. IPSSA Scholarship Fund – Rick said that the Scholarship Fund started at the beginning of this year is up and running; he passed out applications.
3. Set date for next meeting – Next B.O.R.D. meeting is August 18 in Santa Ana. Next R7 meeting is August 21 at Amber’s Restaurant.

Open Forum Discussions:

1. New R7 Leaders – Rick Bishop stated that his term as R7 Director ends at the end of this year, and he has asked Jon Rumble to think about being his replacement. For those interested in the position, it is helpful to attend B.O.R.D. meetings to become familiar with the process and what you can contribute. Meeting costs are reimbursed, and you get to interact with people from other regions. Past R7 Director A. J. Wilson explained that the criteria is individuals who are chapter officers or representatives, those willing to put the time in. Rick said R7 -- especially San Diego Chapter -- is thought of by other regions as the “movers and shakers” of IPSSA.
2. IPSSA Stickers – Geoff Matthews presented photocopies of “Member of IPSSA” and “IPSSA Supporter” stickers that can be put on truck windows, doors, and tailgates. Because IPSSA has been involved in several positive media events lately and developing name recognition, having the IPSSA logo on your service truck gives you more credibility. He mentioned that recently in a parking lot he received three orders for equipment because people saw the IPSSA logos on his truck. He said Sign-O-Rama already has the artwork, so there would be no setup fee. Motion was made by A. J. Wilson, seconded by Ray Duchene and carried unanimously to have Sign-O-Rama print 500 “Member of IPSSA” stickers for \$1,050, or \$2.10 each to give to R7 members; the rest will be sold at cost.
3. Bob Blake – Javier Payan observed that Bob Blake, Sr. of Blake Sales recently passed away. Metro chapter sent \$100 for flowers. Donations can be sent to Blake Sales. A memorial service will be held in four or five weeks.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Don Wall, seconded by Ray Duchene and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gillespie, Recording Secretary