

IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7
Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 28, 2003

The meeting was held at Chins Restaurant, on Miramar Rd. and was called to order by Mike Gregg, Region Director at 8:00 pm. Materials were handed out and Mike asked each to introduce themselves.

Present were:

A J Wilson, NSPI Liaison, SD Chapter
Dave Rockwell, Resident, Rancho Del Mar
Geoff Matthews, President, SD East County
John Nichol, President, SD Chapter
Mike Gregg, Region Director
Ray Duchene, Benevolent Fund Chair, Region 7
Ted Wilson, President, NCC
Bert Vexland, VP, SD Metro

Brain Davis, Treasurer Rep. NCC
Doug Hausman, President, Carlsbad
Javier Payan, President, SD Metro
Loyal Johnson, President, Escondido
Paul Grimes, Secretary, SD Chapter
Rick Bishop, Rep., Escondido Chapter
Debbie Griswold, VP, SD East County
Tom Gharib, New NSPI Liaison

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes from the October 2002 meeting by Ray Duchene and seconded by AJ Wilson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Davis handed out the Account report dated 10/1/02- 12/31/02. The total in the board checking showed a balance of \$1,409.81, the picnic checking account a balance of \$3,827.74, the new emergency account a balance of \$2,000, regular savings \$5, 749.46, the 6 month CD, \$2,950.16 and the 1 year CD balance of \$4,612.09. With the total being (not including the board and picnic checking accounts) \$15, 311.71. There were no questions but AJ made the statement that the report was "much more user friendly".

Benevolent Fund Report: Ray handed out his report and informed all that there had been two deaths since the last meeting. Mike Kirchof in November and Giro Nakagawa in December. He also noted that last year had been a year when the region had lost more members through death than any other year.

February BORD Meeting: Mike went over the following points that will be brought up at the next BORD meeting. The first; dealing with the water chemistry test and a time line of 3 months to take the test before becoming a new member and also the possibility of an open book test. Mike said that these were not on the agenda, but just had been brought up at the last minute for discussion at the BORD meeting. He wanted to have the Region 7 input before he voting on them. There was much discussion on these issues. Loyal Johnson brought up the question, "what effect would this have on the apprenticeship program?" All did not think that the open book test was a good idea. Javier stated that if it was made a requirement to take the test before becoming a member that it might possibly discourage people from joining. John Nichol stated that all chapters have their own entrance exams and that they were less intimidating Mike took a count and all were in favor of him voting NO on the Open Book test and 2 were in favor of the 3 month test and the rest were not. Mike will vote NO on both issues.

Company Store merchandise: Mike is going to try to get approval for discounting the merchandise to hopefully boost the sales. There is too much of it sitting. There is now no mark up on the merchandise as there was when it was first bought, so there is not profit in it anyway.

Website: If the IPSSA website looks disorganized, it's because it is! If you want to use it as a member the password/user name is IPSSA1.

Insurance Rates: There is a possibility that rates will be going up. Geoff Matthews asked the question, “wasn't there a 6-month notice requirement before that could happen? The rates seem to go up constantly and the insurance is quick to pay a claim without investigation the problem.” He stated that the insurance representative needs to be more thorough in that area and not just pay the claim. Doug Hausman noted that there are other companies out there that have given bids that they could investigate. Mike said he was sure that there would be a lot of discussion on this issue at the BORD meeting but wanted to prepare everyone for the possibility of a rate increase.

Region 7 Picnic Chairman: Mike spoke with last years chairman Don Wall who informed him that he would not be the chairman next year. Mike asked for a volunteer, no one wanted to be that person! Mike will be making calls to everyone as someone is needed soon.

Next Region Board Meeting in North County: Mike wanted to be fair in having the meeting in different parts of the county this year and asked for suggestions. Loyal stated that he knew a place in Poway that would be good. Doug suggested that it be more north-west (towards I-5) and suggested his own home in Cardiff. Mike told everyone that Geoff Matthews is in charge of meeting places and urged those with suggestions to call him.

NSPI Liaison Report: Tom Gharib was introduced as the new liaison that will be replacing AJ. He introduced himself and gave a brief history of his work with NSPI. He would like to see the NSPI and IPSSA working together in helping out non-profit groups. He highlighted his own work with the Boy Scouts. Mike thanked AJ for all of his work and input.

Old Business: Rick Bishop asked about the directory and where it was since AJ had been working on it and was leaving as liaison. AJ stated that Paul Grimes is now taking it over.

New Business: A few comments about the restaurant were made. Geoff picked it out and it was not as he had expected it would be and that there had been a misunderstanding on needing a room to ourselves. Brian had been given VIP cards from the owner and passed those out to everyone. He reported that the price had been the same as at Eva's so there was no change in that. The food was very good.

Next meeting should be in May but Mike wanted to wait on the date and time due to the fact that the May BORD meeting is scheduled to be in San Diego and would like to try and coordinate the dates. Mike will let everyone know as it is being discussed about changing the San Diego meeting to August. The reason being is that the August BORD meeting is scheduled for Fresno and it is much hotter up there than San Diego, so there might be a switch in times and places.

Rick Bishop asked Mike if he was still doing safety? Mike said yes and mentioned continuing the water watcher tag program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Chapter reports

San Diego Chapter: John Nichol, president, reported that in Oct. they had Brandon Chase of Sunchaser Solar and Dave Courey of Pool surfacing speak. In Nov. Mark Qunitero of Aquatic Renovations and Pete Burke (storm drain regulations) speaking. CPR classes were attended by 18-20 people in Dec. There has been no one out sick for the past 5-6 months. No membership gain or loss.

Escondido Chapter: Loyal Johnson, president, reported that they had meetings in November and January but were off for December. They had Christine Lamb of Polaris speak in November. No members were out sick this period and they had 4 gains in membership and 2 losses.

Rancho Del Mar Chapter: David Rockwell, president, reported that they had Christine Lamb of Polaris was at their Jan. 20th meeting. They also had a new design for the chapter newsletter that received excellent response from the members and supporters. The chapter also voted unanimously to cover chapter refreshments for the cost of 2 beers at the region 7 meetings. No one was out sick and there were no membership gains or losses.