

Region 7 Quarterly Meeting
July 22, 2003

The meeting was held at Eva's Cantina, San Diego and was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mike Gregg, Regional Director.

Present were:

Paul Grimes, Secretary -- SD Chapter
Mike Gregg, Region 7 Director
Geoff Matthews, President -- SD East County
Dave Rockwell, President -- Rancho Del Mar
Javier Payan, President -- SD Metro
Brian Davis, Treasurer/Rep -- NC Costal

John Nichol, President -- SD Chapter
Ray Duchene, Benevolent Fund Chair, Region 7
Ted Wilson, President -- NC Costal
Doug Hausman, President -- Carlsbad
Loyal Johnson, President -- Escondido

Introductions: None needed

Approval of Minutes from May 17th. Motion by Geoff Matthews, seconded by Ray Duchene, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Brian Davis passed out the current account history. The Board checking has a balance of \$2,383.59, picnic checking \$7,603.60, and emergency checking \$1,930.34 with all three having a total balance of \$11,915.99. The general savings balance is \$5,764.11, 6 month CD which matures on Oct. 17th, \$7,576.22 and the 12 month CD which matures on Sept. 12th, \$4,612.09. Total balance of all accounts is \$25,256.32. Brian also stated that the 2nd quarters dues had not been collected and the 3rd quarters are now due.

Benevolent Fund: Ray gave out the new form, which also now includes the IPSSA management funds. The second column is the Benevolent fund account. The expenses were from the deaths last year and the 8 so far this year. A 25% equity is left in the account so actual money available for disbursement is \$25,770.00

August BORD meeting to be held at the Ventura Marriott. Mike encouraged everyone to attend giving a brief description of the beautiful train ride up as an alternative to driving.

Name change: NSPI is considering changing their name to IPSPA (Int'l Pool & Spa Professional Association) because of their chapter 11 filing. Mike asked for the opinion of each and all were in agreement that the name is too close to the IPSSA name. All felt that IPSSA had worked hard to get a good reputation among the industry and that NSPI was probably just trying to tie into that. Many felt that there was really nothing wrong with their name, that it had not been damaged. It was nice of them to ask our opinion but all were in agreement that they should keep their name as is.

3 year term: The BORD is talking about making the Directors term into a 3 year term. Many felt that it takes 1 year to understand what's going on, a 2nd year to get it and a 3rd to do a good job. There was discussion on that and it was agreed that before a decision is made at the region level as to terms that they would wait to see what the BORD comes up with.

Water Watcher Tag/Safety Brochure: Paul Grimes handed out a new brochure that they had come up with. Everyone thought it was a great idea. They are in the process of marketing them to different stores and currently there will be a spot on KUSI this coming Sunday, July 27 and within the next month at IKEA. There were suggestions of attaching a Water Watcher tag with each brochure. John Nichol had asked Mike if he would be willing to donate 1,000 of them. Mike stated that he had 2,000 in his garage and wanted to know if anyone would object to giving John and Paul 1,000 of them to go with the brochures. Everyone was in agreement. Many asked about getting some to give to their customers. John stated that he would check with John Silcox who had worked on the brochures, to find out the price of each one.

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Safety/public relations: Mike noted that there had been an article in the July 12th issue of the Union Tribune in which IPSSA was mentioned. The article was on pool safety, which emphasized that the best deterrent for drowning was adult supervision. John Silcox will be contacting the lady who writes the articles with information about the new brochures.

Region 7 Picnic Report: Geoff went over all that has taken place since the last meeting. Flyers were mailed out, calls made and sponsorships have come in. Performance Solar has given \$2,000 to be the sponsor. They will be giving out t-shirts also. There are also 5 sponsors at \$1,000 each, 4 at \$500.00 each and 14 at \$250.00 each. Each \$1,000 sponsor will have a 10x10 tent with their names attached. One wife of an El Cajon member who works with children has volunteered to do games and entertainment for the kids. There will be raffles of \$50 gift certificates and at 3 pm a \$500 cash drawing. Because of the amount of funds that has come in, this years charge will only be \$10 pp instead of the usual \$20! Doug Hausman stated that his chapter would be very happy to hear that! There will also be a dunk tank and astro-jump.

NSPI Liaison report: None given, no representative present.

Chapter Reports:

Doug Hausman's chapter had 10 members take the water chemistry test and all passed!

Javier Payan's chapter had a speaker present to them how to fix heating problems. It was very informative and helpful to everyone.

Ray Duchene noted that their chapter newsletter spotlights 1 member each month and they have found that it helps them get to know the people better.

New Business: Javier reported on the surveys of the required safety signs taken at the Chula Vista public pools. They are done by college students who just look at the signs and give a report on what they see. The normal standard for lettering on the sign is that the "No Lifeguard on Duty" wording is to be 4", the remainder does not have to be that size. The students were apparently confused on that point and came back with the statement that all signs were not compliant. After this had been looked into and the problem found, there will be no ruling on the signs as of right now. This was good news to all since there is no one who makes a sign with all the verbiage being 4". Only one person had spent the money to have a sign made at this point.

Alternating terms for R7 board members: Geoff had asked about this at the last meeting and since the BORD is now talking about terms for members, this was tabled until after the August BORD meeting.

New R7 Director: Mike stated that some have shown interest, but he will wait until the October meeting to give names. All should be ready to vote on the new director.

BK Taylor Award: Forms have been sent out and voting will take place at the October meeting. Loyal sent out award forms with his last newsletter in hopes that he would receive some nominations from his chapter.

There was no **Old Business** to go over.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be on October 28, locations to be announced.

Submitted
Mary Snyder
Secretary Region 7