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IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Regular Board Meeting SCP Conf. Rm, SD, CA Wed., Sept. 28, 2010 Minutes Highlights

Attendance -- **Dan Ruiz**, R7 Treas., SD E. Cty.; **Matt Hughes**, Esc. Pres.; **Lance Clifton**, Rancho Del Mar Pres.; **Mark T. Curran**, SD Pres.; **Bill Peck**, SD; **Joe Lukacik**, SD E. Cty. Pres.; **Javier Payan**, SD Metro Pres.; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secy.

Not Present/Represented

Chuck Gough, R7 Director, Carlsbad (excused – new DVT [blood clot] in right calf); Carlsbad; N. Cty Coastal.

Approval/Amendments to Agenda – Agenda accepted as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

MSUC to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2010 meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Dan Ruiz reported that as of 9/27/10, General Fund has \$3,143.08; Emergency Fund, \$5,964.16; and Money Market, \$8,641.68; for total current assets of \$17,760.92. *MSUC* to approve the Treasurer's Report as reported. **Peter Gozdeck**, R7 Billing Agent, will give a more detailed report at a later date.

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad N/R

Escondido **Matt Hughes**:

- 1) Membership – Prospect attended last meeting; an old member returned.
- 2) Sick leave – one member down, sick coverage provided.
- 3) Meetings – PEP, new meeting location, is working great; saving money on food.

N County Coastal N/R

Rancho Del Mar **Lance Clifton**:

- 1) Membership – Lost a couple of members. One left because the IPSSA insurance did not suit his business – became a chapter supporter instead.
- 2) Sick leave – one member down, but because his wife does the pools and he does repairs, no sick coverage is needed. Member will get a break on attendance.

San Diego **Mark Curran**:

- 1) A dinner meeting was held in Aug. at Admiral Baker Club. Menu included BBQ and tri-tip. Two new members voted in.
- 2) Sick leave – two members down, for a total of 190 pools to be covered. A few problems needed to be worked out.
- 3) Member **Mark Fleming**, age 52, has cancer – has had chemo, then surgery.
- 4) **Ron Baker**, Sick Leave Committee, had a mishap. A leaking pump was disabled. When he worked on it, the built-up pressure caused the filter lid to fly off – it shattered his elbow.
- 5) Chapter picnic was held at Santee Lake; 30 members attended.
- 6) Close to having all members complete their insurance beneficiary information.
- 7) Continuing ed program continues. Chapter pays for all members to receive the bi-weekly Service Industry News, at a cost of \$12 per year per subscription.
- 8) Chapter supporters – added several new supporters, for a total of about 40.

SD East County **Joe Lukacik**:

- 1) Membership – Four new members, two prospective.
- 2) Chapter picnic was held at Santee Lake; 80 attended.
- 3) Golf Appreciation Event being planned for Ramona Golf Course. Chapter supporters will bring beer.

4) Chapter supporters – one new; chapter now has 23 chapter supporters.

SD Metro **Javier Payan**:

- 1) August was dark.
- 2) Longtime member **Al Daugherty**, age 80, has cancer and is terminal. Al gave a status report at the last chapter meeting; it was very emotional for all. He has elected to forego additional treatment and is off the chemo; doctors estimate that he has just months left. He will be at home, with home care a couple of times a week. Al spent 30 years in the Navy, is a past recipient of the B.K. Taylor Memorial Award, and is a good guy. Some chapter members are doing nice things for him. He would appreciate your prayers, a card, or a call (619-465-1106). Payan will provide updates to the Region.
- 3) Chapter is cruising along.
- 4) Chapter Supporter Appreciation at next month's meeting; supporters will share information about their companies.

R7 Director's Report

Gough provided an outline.

1) Al Daugherty – Already discussed in Chapter Reports; **Curran** read a message from Gough.

2) Missing chapter info – IPSSA Admin. Office is still missing copies of Carlsbad's Sick Route Plan and N. County Coastal's and Rancho Del Mar's Standing Rules. **Gough** will be glad to visit your chapter to assist in getting these jobs done. Thanks to **Lance Clifton** (Rancho Del Mar) for attempting to get his chapter's in shape.

3) IPSSA's tax-exempt status – **Vickie Lester**, IPSSA Inc., has informed us that several years ago legal counsel advised that chapters cannot pay IPSSA membership dues/insurance for their chapter Board members. Doing so could put IPSSA's tax-exempt status at risk, which is a very serious consideration.

IPSSA's tax-exempt status is based in part on the fact that we are a mutual-benefit organization. That means that no part of the association's net earnings can be used to benefit any individual member (an inurement). The fact that the inurement would benefit those who are decision

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makers in the chapter makes it even worse, in the eyes of the IRS.

Those chapters that are paying their Board members' dues/insurance must discontinue doing so. You may instead consider granting them a stipend, a fixed sum of money paid periodically for services or to defray expenses, such as extraordinary cell phone charges, postage, office supplies, etc. If a stipend is paid, the chapter will have to give the officer an IRS Form 1099 at year's end, as this is considered personal income. The officer will have to report the amount on his personal income form, NOT on his business form.

Attendees suggested paying for officers' dinner at chapter meetings, Western Pool & Spa Show, or Leadership weekend. **Curran** suggested checking with **Vickie Lester** first.

4) "Public pool" designation – Consumer Product Safety Commission now includes short-term rental properties under the definition of "public pools" for VGBA compliance and enforcement.

Unfinished Business

1) Picnic Report, possible renewal in 2011, **Jordan Nelson** – N/R.

New Business

1) Liability of using uninsured subcontractors – **Curran** suggested talking to your chapters about using subs; have them use fellow IPSSA members as subs to ensure they are insured. Some non-members use the contractor's license of someone they know – if they are not insured, you are not insured.

2) Disruptive behavior at chapter meetings – Gough reported that the issue has become universal and will be discussed fully at the next B.O.R.D. meeting with a goal of having a policy in place for the next Leadership Conference. **Curran** reported that a longtime member of Carlsbad chapter recently yelled obscenities at a meeting. **Curran** asked for feedback: a) **Payan**, Metro – establish standards. If someone uses foul language and you do nothing, you indicate that that is acceptable. Professionalism should be from the top down. b) **Curran**, San Diego – use the gavel when needed. Keep professionalism and liability in mind regarding the issue of alcohol at meetings. c) **Clifton**, Rancho Del Mar – Talk at meetings as if you are talking to a client. At his meetings, chapter provides a maximum of two drinks per member. d) **Lukacik**, East County – Board members in his chapter no longer drink when sitting at the front of the room because it does not look professional. Some chapters have

a Sergeant at Arms. e) **Hughes**, Escondido – no alcohol at his meetings, since they are held at PEP; he brings soda. Has not had problems at his meetings.

3) TableTop Seminar – Suggestions for next one: roundtable on variable speed motors, general tech questions, any information your chapter supporters can provide.

4) **Curran** asked the attendance requirements of each chapter: a) Carlsbad N/R. b) Escondido – Attendance required at one monthly meeting per quarter. Fine \$150 per missed quarter. Allowances are made for special circumstances. Aug. and Dec. are dark; Oct. is mandatory. c) N. County Coastal N/R. d) Rancho Del Mar – Attendance required at all monthly meetings. Fine \$15 for first unexcused absence per year, next absence \$40. e) SD – Attendance required at one monthly meeting per quarter. Fine \$150 per missed quarter; two quarters absent, member is out. Oct. meeting is mandatory. f) SD East County – Attendance required at one monthly meeting per quarter. Fine \$100 per missed quarter; next quarter absent \$250; next quarter absent, member is out. g) SD Metro – Attendance required at two monthly meetings per quarter. Fine \$50 per missed quarter. Aug. is dark.

Curran cautioned that IPSSA Inc. requires that all chapters hold one meeting per month.

5) B. K. Taylor Memorial Award – In 1995 R7 initiated the Pool Technician of the Year Award. In 1997 the award was renamed the B. K. Taylor Memorial Award in honor of **B. K. Taylor**, a longtime outstanding member of the SD chapter who passed away May 19, 1997. The award consists of an inscribed plaque and a \$500 honorarium. The award is presented at the recipient's chapter meeting by the seated Region director, and winner will be considered for the Terry Cowles Memorial Award. The member being nominated shall have contributed to the improvement of IPSSA and/or the pool service industry.

Nominees: **Wayne Nicol**, Carlsbad; **Nobby Mandolf**, SD; **Eric Carlson**, Metro.

Nobby Mandolf of SD chapter was selected as recipient of the 2010 B. K. Taylor Memorial Award. He started his pool cleaning company in 1970 and joined IPSSA in 1992. At age 83, he continues to attend chapter meetings, provide sick route coverage when called upon, and attend the latest seminars to stay up to date with changing technology. He is a State-licensed contractor. During sick route coverage he regularly performs

repairs for free. He has been the Raypak heater warranty technician since 1983. He is on the phone seven days a week helping, guiding, instructing, and counseling fellow service members. He often comes to the rescue of members on short notice. He still works six days a week. He donates to a wide variety of charitable organizations and donates time and money to pool service professionals during times of tragedy and need.

6) Next R7 meeting – Wed., 12/15/10.

Good of the Order

1) Safety tips – mask when handling chems, gloves for all filter changes, short pole with hook for removing skimmer basket.

2) Wheelchair lifts – **Lukacik** reported that a new ADA law effective in 2011 will require all public pools to have lifts.

3) Matching funds grant money – **Peck** reminded attendees that requests for matching funds should be submitted to IPSSA Inc. before end of the year. Start thinking about nominations. Use it or lose it.

Adjournment -- MSUC, adjourn 8:40 p.m.

Calendar of Events

- **CPO Class**, Thurs. – Fri., Oct. 21 – 22, SCP (858-467-9495, www.anotherperfectpool.com/cpo) 5648 Copley Dr., SD.
- **B.O.R.D.**, Sat., Nov. 6, Hilton LA N., Glendale, CA.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 15 (one week earlier due to Christmas), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm. (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD.
- **Pentair Training**, Wed., Feb. 1 & Thurs., Feb. 2, 2011 (\$95 reg fee covers *both* days), Courtyard by Marriott, Mission Valley. See attached flier or register at www.pentairtraining.com.
- **B.O.R.D.**, Feb. 11, B.O.R.D./annual meeting, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. www.ipssa.com.
- **IPSSA Annual Leadership Seminar, Banquet**, Sat., Feb. 12, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. www.ipssa.com.