

# IPSSA San Diego Chapter Minutes 2006

## Board Meeting-Jan. 04, 2006

Called to Order: 7:18 p.m.

Pepe's Italian Restaurant, Ocean Beach

Attending – Mike Gregg, Mark Curran, Paul Grimes, Jim Bradbury and Bill Peck. (Jim Bauer was ill and couldn't attend)

### Secretary's Report

No correspondence.

After consulting with Mike Gregg, Paul relocated the Chapter PO Box to Ocean Beach to save driving mileage. There is no change in cost. **The new PO Box is 70192, SD 92167-1192. Please make a record of it, especially if sending Blue Cards via mail.**

The Board discussed business cards for the new officers along with letterhead and envelopes.

Paul mentioned a conflict with the Chapter Blood Drive and Table Top Show. The Blood Drive has since been rescheduled to Jan 14.

After discussion of the printing of the chapter member photo directory and updates on the Chapter Standing Rules and Sick Leave policy, Mike asked Paul to get bids and a mock-up of the directory layout. Advertisements in the directory were briefly discussed, bearing in mind that we would like to go to print as soon as possible.

### Treasurer's Report

Paul submitted Geoff's last report in Jim Bauer's absence.

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### Vice President's Report

#### Prospective Members

Rodger Weaver took the test and his Board interview this evening.

### Chapter Supporters

Aquatec Renovation has renewed.

### Speakers/Continuing Education

No speakers in December.

### President's Report

Mike is encouraging Committee members to stay on and would like to have a Membership Committee that can assist the V.P.

### Unfinished/Old/New Business

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Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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## General Meeting-Jan 18, 2006

Kings Inn – Mission Valley

**Called to Order: 7:09 p.m.**

54 members signed in and at least 16 guests were in attendance.

### **Introduction of Guests**

*Chapter Supporters: Bill Krause of CerRam-Kote, Ray Quidort of Abcana Industires, David Courey of Pool Surfacing 2000, Michele of American Leak Detection and Brandon Chase of SunChaser Solar. Also attending were Region 7 Director Javier Payan, Don Bolin of Lifesaver Pool, Lisa Helm of First Investor Corp., Eric Svensson of Alternative Pool Systems and prospective members Carlos Grosselfinger, Morgan Chambers, Rodger Weaver, Steve Johnson, Robert Gibson, Nick Nathan and Heang Tea.*

Ray Quidort wanted to thank the Chapter for the cards and well wishes he received during his health challenges. Ray advised that chemical prices may stabilize this year after huge increases. Regional Director Javier Payan was in attendance and awarded Bill Peck the Region 7 B.K.Taylor Memorial Award. Javier also made a presentation to Michele of American Leak Detection and also recognized Juhli Shelby, Mike Anderson and Ladd Carlson for their help with the Region 7 Picnic.

### **Vice President's Report – Mark Curran**

#### **Prospective members-**

Rodger Weaver of Rodger Pool and Spa was voted in as a member. Others, including Rod Miller, are in the membership process.

#### **Chapter Supporters**

Mark is using several techniques to encourage an increase in the number of Chapter Supporters.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Jim Bauer**

We're in good shape financially and the approved report is in the Skimmer. Jim Bauer is working with former Treasurer Geoff Conradi in the transition.

#### **Secretary's Report – Paul Grimes**

Minutes were approved.

No correspondence received.

Paul advised that the Chapter PO Box has been changed to PO Box 70192, San Diego CA 92167-1192.

Blue Cards are due by the February General Meeting and must be mailed to the Chapter PO Box or handed to Paul Grimes to avoid a fine.

#### **President's Report – Mike Gregg**

Mike announced that most committee chairs are staying in their positions. Mike moved directly to Committee Reports.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Sick Leave**

Blue cards are due by the February General meeting. Send them to the Chapter PO Box or hand to Paul Grimes. If you farm out your sick pools to another person, that person must be a Chapter member. Perry has blank Yellow Cards.

Loren Jarvis is out and members need to continue servicing his pools until advised by the Sick Leave committee to stop. Thanks to Loren for leaving his pools in good shape.

Perry passed out a report with member points.

##### **Continuing Education**

Stephen Heyer and John Baldwin reported. The Region 7 Table Top show is coming and has good educational opportunities. Superior Pool Products has a stamped concrete training opportunity on Feb. 7 at the Old Cliffs Rd. branch.

The committee has several applications for reimbursement and there is more money available to help you get educated. We still have salt units at a reduced price as part of our program.

Brandon Chase will supply results of his own Goldline installation.

Those attending the CPR classes included the following members, (spouse and family members in some cases) Mike Gregg, Paul Grimes, Perry Mediate, Baron Ortiz, AJ Wilson, John Silcox and Phil Gardiner.

##### **Manufacturer's Rebate**

Jon McArthur announced the Region 7 Table Top Show this Saturday and needs volunteers all

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day to load/unload, man tables, etc.

Jon advised he has applications for the Western Pool and Spa Show (March 9-11) where Jon and Bob will do their acid wash seminar. There are good deals at the show with coupons, etc. If you attend a dinner Friday night, the Chapter will cover the cost.

### **Water Safety/Public Relations/ Blood Drive**

John Silcox announced that the Water Safety Committee attended 8 community events where drowning prevention materials were handed out. This year, we will have Water Watcher tags and brochures available. Five committee members took Red Cross training to lead water safety presentations. John had water safety articles published and the Regional Table Top show will have a water safety seminar. 2006 will have more events to allow us to build water safety awareness.

Started years ago to help a pool industry person in need, the Blood Drive continues to cover the Chapter. In 2005, we donated 47 pints and the donors were: John Baldwin, Terry Bussard, David Courey, Dee Eakright, Bob Fowler, Thomas Graham, Mark Lucas, Ron Magant, Jon McArthur, James Morketter, Bill Peck, Terry Wehrly and Jeff Waters. Thanks to those who donated and to others, please join us. This month's Blood Drive was last Saturday as the normal date conflicted with the Table Top Show. Next date will be March 18.

### **Entertainment**

Mike Gregg sadly announced that Ladd Carlson advised today that he was selling his business for health reasons. Ladd, who has had problems with diabetes, has been a real asset to the Chapter and was a Co-Chair on the Entertainment Committee. We wish Ladd the best of luck and all of us in the Chapter will miss him.

For member information, Ladd has 50 quality accounts to sell in Pacific Beach and La Jolla.

Joe Lukacik, who has stepped up to the plate to take over for Ladd on the Entertainment Committee, stated that this year's Holiday party will be at the Bali Hai on Shelter Island.

**Speaker** – David Courey of Pool Surfacing 2000 gave the membership a brief preview of his Region 7 Table Top seminar on business success. Attend the Table Top for the full seminar. Past President Jim Bradbury has awards left from the Installation Dinner Dance for those who were not in attendance. Joe Reid, who has subsequently retired, was presented an award for his salt generator seminar. His son-in-law, Michael Votrian accepted the award. Jim also recognized Jim Bauer of the Membership committee, Stephen Heyer of Continuing Education and Past Treasurer Geoff Conradi

### **Insurance (Chapter Advisor)**

#### **Product Testing**

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

#### **Good of the Order**

Bob Fowler talked about the rate hikes in chemicals, 67% in chlorine in a single year. He has increased service prices 15% and offers clients the opportunity to pay for 11 months in advance and get a year's service. Bob uses the advanced payments to buy chemicals in bulk. Those who provide good service will retain customers regardless of rate increases.

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### **Raffle**

Louis Parrella, \$50 door prize, Baron Ortiz, \$25 prize.

Raffle donations included wine from American Leak Detection, scooters from Abcana and a bucket of tabs from SPP.

Mike Gregg advised the members to read the Skimmer. It might be worthwhile for your pocketbook.

Meeting adjourned: approximately 8:05pm, when significant member, chapter supporter and guest interaction began.

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## Board Meeting February 2, 2006

McGregors Grill  
East of Qualcomm Stadium.

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Called to Order: 7:34 p.m.

Attending - Mike Gregg, Mark Curran, Jim Bauer, Paul Grimes, Jim Bradbury and Bill Peck.

### **Status of Officers**

President **Mike Gregg** began the meeting asking for the status of our new Board. Past President **Jim Bradbury** has worked hard on the 2006 Budget and passed it to Mike for review, discussion and implementation.

Mike advised that the training session at the BORD meeting Feb. 4, 2006 should be a good one. Mike and Jim Bauer are required to attend (Paul Grimes will also attend).

Vice President **Mark Curran** explained that he is working hard to recruit Chapter Supporters. Bill Peck did a great job in converting all renewals to January, which is reflected in the Financial Report. Mark will be working in several ways to increase Chapter Supporters with a lofty goal of doubling the number. Everyone can help by approaching quality companies to become Chapter Supporters. We encourage our Chapter Supporters to attend meetings and we will help in getting information to the membership.

Mark will be receiving Committee Reports for inclusion in the Skimmer, which will save time at the General Meetings for more discussion and networking between members, Chapter Supporters and guests..

Treasurer **Jim Bauer** said we were in good shape financially and he's working with Geoff Conradi on the transition. Jim is hoping to do our banking on-line. Due to the transition, Jim received bank statements late and the January Board meeting expense and January phone bill will be reflected in the February Financial Report. The chapter phone number will be transferred to Mike Gregg and it will now be posted on our web site.

**Bill Peck** is continuing his fine work with prospective members as the New Member Committee Chairman. Thank you, Bill for staying on, which will help Mark Curran concentrate on Chapter Supporters and other issues.

Secretary **Paul Grimes**, into his third term, will do what it takes to support the new Board and the new concepts that are being developed. The Skimmer will probably get larger and reading it will become more important. ***Make sure you look for coupons and tips that might be in your financial interest and bring your Skimmers to the meeting.***

The Board discussed the quicker pace of the General Meetings under a new format that will allow more time for discussion after Chapter business. The business portion will be shortened and more information put in the Skimmer. We will work to encourage interaction and exchange of information between members, supporters and guests.

We are grateful that Bob Fowler will continue to provide the Good of the Order, which is always valuable and to-the-point.

### **Chapter Photo Directory**

After discussion it was decided to print the directory with color photos. The directory will have a defined two year run and be replaced with the advent of each new Board. Paul Grimes is putting the directory together and will get final bids within a few weeks. It was decided to forgo advertising in this issue so that it can get to press as soon as possible. Of course the directory will include Chapter Supporters along with numerous pages of other valuable information in a handy format.

### **Standing Rules/Sick Leave Plan**

The updated Standing Rules are under final review by Mike Gregg after a review by Jim Bradbury. Jim is now reviewing the Sick Leave Plan updates and will also pass them on to Mike before being published.

### **2006 Budget**

The Board adopted a 2006 budget, roughly equal to our 2005 experience. Jim Bradbury placed the last several years' results for comparison to help in developing 2006 numbers. Several copies of the Budget will be available at the General Meeting for member review.

### **Blue Cards Due**

Blue cards are due at or before the February 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. The Blue cards can be

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mailed to the Chapter PO Box or handed to Paul Grimes at the meeting. Perry Mediate and Jim Hines do not accept Blue Cards. Paul updates Chapter files and member Zip Code information on our referral web site [poolservicepros.com](http://poolservicepros.com)

**Committee Reports** - None

Unfinished/Old/New Business –None

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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### Committee Report for February 2006 Skimmer

#### **Sick Leave – Jim Hines**

Jim reports that he spoke with Loren Jarvis on February 1. Loren is starting rehabilitation Feb.1 and is expected to be back to work in six weeks.

#### **Product Testing – Pat Farrior**

Coming Soon!

A very interesting report on a powerful, practical and cost effective Solar Powered Pool Filtration Pump. This system is capable of operating a filter, pool sweep, and a 2 story solar system for six to ten hours a day. You won't want to miss this information, so be sure to check the Skimmer for updates.

#### **Prospective Member Chair**

Chair Bill Peck has information for our prospective members.

"Prospective members should sign in on the bottom of the Guest sign in sheet at EACH meeting and see Bill Peck, Prospective Member chairman before leaving. If you need study help for the Water Chemistry Certification test call him.

Remember you must attend three meetings IN A ROW. Remember you must attend three CONSECUTIVE meetings."

#### **Press Relations, Water Safety - Blood Drive – John Silcox**

Blood Driver The next scheduled breakfast/blood drive is Saturday, March 18th. Perspective donors will meet for breakfast at 8 AM at the Antique Row Cafe in Lemon Grove located at 3521 Lemon Grove Ave. Members not able to make the breakfast are encouraged to donate blood at any time with the San Diego Blood Bank.

In 2005 our Chapter donated 47pints of blood by 19 individuals: John Baldwin, Terry Bussard, Eric Bussard, Mary Clifford, David Courey, Albert Daugherty, Cheryl Daugherty, Dee Eakright, Bob Fowler, Michael Fowler, Tom Graham, Janice Lloyd, Eric Lovig, Deborah Lucus, Ron Magnant, Jon McArthur, Sean McGarry, Beverly Morisako, James Morketter, Bill Peck, John Silcox, Jeff Waters, Solvieg Waters and Terry Wehrly

Water Safety: Committee members met prior to the January meeting to discuss activities for 2006. Committee members will be attending several community safety-related events to distribute Water Watcher tags and water safety brochures. The first scheduled event is the Day of the Child, April 22nd.in Chula Vista. The committee will also be working with Safe Kids Coalition on a drowning prevention event and will be giving a presentation at the next Region 7 meeting to get members from other chapters involved in the program. Members are reminded that they can obtain 50 Water Watcher tags and water safety brochures from the IPSSA executive office at no charge by calling (888) 360-9505 or email at [ipssamail@aol.com](mailto:ipssamail@aol.com).

Committee chairman John Silcox recently attended the National Drowning Prevention Symposium in Fort Myers, FL. The 2-day program was attended by more than 200 people from all over the U.S. Presentations were made by individuals across a wide spectrum of organizations medical centers, aquatics safety groups, fire departments, child injury prevention groups and swimming schools. The seminars included presentations covering swimming pools, open bodies of water and drowning prevention programs.

#### **Entertainment – Joe Lukacik**

No report, Joe's been under the weather.

#### **Manufacturers Rebate**

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Jon McArthur has no new rebate information.

### **Continuing Education –**

#### **Stephen Heyer**

MONEY: People who get it for getting smart- Bob Reed: Contractors lic; Patrick Nevin; WPSS '05; Baron Ortiz Goldline Controls; Bill Peck Goldline Controls, Sta-Rite and Raypack Heaters.

Congrat's for increasing your Professional Qualifications. Get your check for any reimbursements at the next chapter meeting.

Happening: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Western P& S Show in Long Beach, March 9th, 10th, & 11th, 2006.

First 5 Chapter members with proof of attending the seminars: COMPLETE reimbursement of seminar costs. The Chapter will also Host a Dinner for those MEMBERS attending the seminars or trade show. A truly fine feast has been enjoyed by many members during the last several WPSS's. Call me @ 619.563.6566, here or up in Long Beach, to let me know if you'll be joining us for chow.

Also coming up: National Plasters Council Meeting on Feb. 13-15th in Florida.

The Ed. Comm. is looking for feedback; service tips, discussion topics, etc. Why, you could even ask us QUESTIONS!!! Don't know if we can answer 'em but heck- ask anyway.

This Months Service Hint: We have it from normally non-verifiably impeachable sources – the infamous “Myth Busters”, that traveling down the HI-Way WITHOUT your tailgate installed uses more gas than with it installed and in the up & locked closed position. Something else to ponder-it could be hazardous to you or the public if something - anything - comes out of the bed of your truck and into traffic.

Till next Month GET SMART

Stephen

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