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Reminder: *As per the bylaws, every chapter is required to have at least two voting members in attendance at the R7 Board meetings. Any chapters not having at least one rep in attendance will be fined for non-attendance.*



B. K. Taylor Memorial Award

Every year R7 accepts nominations from all R7 chapters for the B. K. Taylor Memorial Award. The winner is then invited to attend Leadership Seminar in January. **Paul Grimes** was selected as recipient of the 2008 B.K. Taylor Memorial Award at the Sept. 24 R7 Board meeting. *Congratulations, Paul!*

IPSSA, INC.

Highlights of IPSSA, Inc. – R7 Meeting

**SCP Conf. Rm, San Diego, CA
Wed., Sept. 24, 2008**

Attendees

Chuck Gough, R7 Director, Carlsbad;
Loyal Johnson, R7 Treasurer, Esc.;
Doug Hausman, Carlsbad Pres.; **John**

Hackett, Escondido Pres.; **Jordan Nelson**, North County Coastal Pres.; **Brian Lindlar**, North County Coastal VP; **Thomas Regalado**, Rancho Del Mar Pres.; **Mark T. Curran**, San Diego Pres.; **Mike Gregg**, San Diego; **Bill Peck**, San Diego; **Dick Allen**, SD East County Pres.; **Peter Gozdeck**, 3 Step Billing; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secretary. SD Metro had no rep present.

Approval of Minutes

Approved minutes of the July 23, 2008 meeting with the following change: Guest speaker at Carlsbad and San Diego Metro chapters should be changed from Goldmine to Goldline.

Treasurer's Report

1) **Loyal Johnson** reported that as of Aug. 29, 2008, balance was \$1,883.03, Emergency Fund had \$4,405.99 total in checking and savings, and Picnic Account had \$4,857.77. The 12-month CD (Reserve account) had \$5,180.38 and just rolled over. He has \$1,935.00 in checks to be deposited, and three chapters still owe dues.

2) **Chuck Gough** said **Bill Peck** had requested a complete report of income and disbursements, but there is no such thing. **Roberta Rohwedder** at IPSSA Inc. used to do that, but she retired two years ago. Gough said he reviewed Johnson's itemized list of income and payments and was satisfied.

3) Picnic Account – **Johnson** explained that all R7 chapters were billed for seed money for the picnic. There was no 2008 picnic, so chapters will not be billed further this year. The money has been moved to the Emergency Fund.

4) Emergency Fund – In the past the funds had been used as death benefits to assist beneficiaries of R7 members, but now each current member has a \$50,000 death benefit. Last year a donation was given to a member who was a victim of the fires.

5) Motion carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

6) **Bill Peck** proposed that a R7 budget be developed. **Gough** will compile one.

Calendar of Events

- **Pool Industry Expo**, Oct. 2-4, Monterey Conf. Center, Monterey, CA, www.poolIndustryExpo.com
- **Fifth Annual World Aquatic Health Conference**, Oct. 15-17, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO, www.nspf.org
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Nov. 1, Region 8, with planning meeting Oct. 31. Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.
- **Daylight Savings**, Sun., Nov. 2, 2:00 a.m., set clocks back. Remember: *Spring forward; fall behind.*
- **Intn'l Pool / Spa / Patio Expo**, Nov. 18-20, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, www.poolandspaexpo.com.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 17 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego (858-467-9495).

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad Doug Hausman: 1) A recent guest speaker spoke on incorporating your business. Several attendees indicated that they were incorporated. 2) Membership – no new members.

Escondido John Hackett: 1) Guest speakers at last meeting were **Robert Vantor**, Dept. of Environmental Health, and **Steve Spence** from the health dept. [Editor's note: *Steve Spence* (619) 338-2064] The main drain law is not being enforced. The health dept. wants to form a Pool Safety Advisory Council, of health dept. reps, public pool supervisors, and pool service technicians to meet three times a year. Hackett can get you more information if you are interested. One complaint the rep had is that pool supervisors are not maintaining proper maintenance records. 2) He knows someone who is willing to chair the Picnic Committee.

N County Coastal Jordan Nelson: 1) The new meeting location is a BBQ restaurant. 2) Chapter is doing well.

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Rancho Del Mar Thomas Regalado:

1) Meeting location – chapter was kicked out of their present location by Trout Fishermen of San Diego. 2) Membership – several new members. 3) No chapter picnic this year; members felt they were too busy working to plan it.

San Diego Mark Curran:

1) The new chapter directory recently came out. It includes photos of all members, chapter supporters, and advertisers. 2) Membership – one new member joined last week; several prospects. 3) Sick leave policy – The sick leave proposal, which has been published in several Skimmers and was discussed at length at the September meeting, will be voted on at the October mandatory meeting. The proposal consists of four parts and will be voted on as one entity. The four parts of the proposal are as follows: a) The sick member will be required to attend all general meetings while out on sick leave. b) The sick member will be required to attend the logistical distribution meeting with the sick leave chairmen to assist assigning pools to be covered. c) The per-pool per visit reimbursement fee will be increased to \$10.00 for residential and \$15.00 plus chemicals for commercial. d) The sick member will be required to pay these fees in advance of each week that the chapter provides coverage. The decision to be reimbursed or not is still at the discretion of the servicing member. **Gough** noted that each chapter has its own sick leave policy and is free to make its own guidelines.

SD East County Dick Allen:

1) Chapter is doing great. 2) Chapter held a picnic at Santee Lake. It was a big success. There were 90 attendees and lots of good food. The permit for the picnic was \$250. 3) Membership – Chapter almost had its first meeting without a new member but suddenly got a prospect.

SD Metro No report**Director's Announcements**

1) Four people recently passed the chem. test.

2) Insurance – The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act requiring anti-entrapment drain covers and other layers of protection for

commercial pools poses a huge liability for those not implementing it.

Ray Arouesty will prepare a sample letter you can use for your accounts; download it at www.ipssa.com or www.arrowinsuranceservice.com.

3) New account – **Gough** was contacted about a foreclosed property in Chula Vista. If you are interested in taking over this pool account, contact **Gough**.

New Business1) Office of the Treasurer –

a) **Gough** explained that creating an Office of the Treasurer helps us stay within IPSSA bylaws and ensures consistent billing. **Bill Peck** asked if we could just hire an outside billing agent and if we really needed to have the Office of the Treasurer; **Gough** said approving a motion was cleaner. Doing things correctly can keep us out of trouble, as in a situation in another region where there were ethical questions about a member putting together a trade show and possibly profiting from it; fortunately, they had excellent minutes and all turned out well. Maybe we should create an Office of the Secretary and have **Nancy Gillespie** continue as Recording Secretary. Some of tonight's attendees said she does an excellent job on the minutes.

Motion carried to establish a R7 "Office of the Treasurer," which will consist of an elected Treasurer and an Outside Billing Agent, consistent with the IPSSA Inc. bylaws. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all disbursements and check writing from the R7 accounts at the direction of the R7 Board and/or Director and reporting disbursements to the Billing Agent in a timely fashion. The Outside Billing Agent shall bill the seven R7 chapters quarterly for R7 dues, deposit receivables into bank accounts as designated by the R7 Board, and provide the Board with quarterly statements showing all receipts and disbursements.

b) Outside Billing Agent – **Gough** introduced **Peter Gozdeck** of 3 Step Billing, an outside billing agent. **Gozdeck** has agreed to do the R7 billing at no charge. In exchange, he will put his business flyers in each chapter billing to solicit business from

members. There was discussion of the logistics of using an outside billing agent, new signature cards at the bank, and which bank to use. **Gough** said he was told to bring tonight's minutes to the bank as verification. **Dick Allen** declared that the Board should quit discussing and make a decision.

Motion carried to approve Peter **Gozdeck** of 3 Step Billing as Outside Billing Agent for R7. **Gozdeck** said he looked forward to working with the Board.

c) Treasurer – **Loyal Johnson** explained that when his term as Escondido chapter president was up, no one wanted to be region treasurer so he agreed to continue, even though he had a full plate. As a result, he slacked off for a year, and he apologizes. In addition, it was a year before he realized that IPSSA Inc. wasn't billing for chapter dues after **Roberta Rohwedder** retired.

He asked if he should bill chapter dues in arrears, as he had been doing, so he could get exact member counts for the billing, or bill in advance. **Gough** noted that it didn't make a big difference either way, unless it is a growth chapter. **Curran** suggested it might be cleaner to bill in advance if **Johnson** was stepping down. *Motion* carried to approve billing chapter dues in advance from now on.

There was discussion of whether **Johnson** or **Gozdeck** would do the third and fourth quarter billing, or whether to make the transfer effective January 1, 2009. Board approved **Tom Regalado's** suggestion the Office of the Treasurer work out the details and then report back to the Board.

d) New R7 Treasurer – **Gough** said that because **Loyal Johnson** wishes to step down, a new Treasurer will have to be elected. The new person can be a chapter officer and does not have to be present tonight but cannot be from Carlsbad chapter, since **Gough** is from Carlsbad and is on the Board. The term will be until the next election. Board accepted **Jordan Nelson** as new R7 Treasurer.

2) Region Directory – **Gough** said **Kelly & Associates**, a graphic design firm who has done the R7 directory in the past, has asked if we want to release member names for a new R7

directory. *Motion* carried to participate in a R7 directory.

3) B. K. Taylor/Terry Cowles Award selection –

a) In 1995 IPSSA Region 7 initiated the Pool Technician of the Year Award. This award has been given each year since to the R7 IPSSA member who best meets the criteria. In 1997 the award was renamed the B. K. Taylor Memorial Award in honor of **B. K. Taylor**, a longtime outstanding member of the San Diego chapter who passed away on May 19, 1997.

The award consists of an inscribed plaque and complimentary dinner tickets and hotel room for the recipient and a guest to attend the next annual IPSSA, Inc. Installation dinner. Each R7 chapter and/or member is eligible to nominate a member for this award.

b) **John Nelson** was nominated by his son **Jordan**, North County Coastal chapter. John Nelson has 40 years experience and is a longtime member of IPSSA. Now semi-retired, he assists local pool service technicians, using his expertise to trouble shoot. He's just an old pool guy who loves what he does. John Hackett added that he has heard a lot of good things about him in the industry.

c) **Paul Grimes** was nominated by **Mark Curran**, San Diego chapter. Grimes served as chapter secretary for six years and has been involved with the Child Safety and Drowning Prevention Committee, By-Laws Committee, and Sick Leave Committee. He created and maintains www.ipssaSanDiego.com, www.PoolServicePros.com, www.WaterWatcher.org, and R7 Tabletop website. He developed and is editor of the monthly newsletter. He was initially introduced to the pool industry by offering to help **Mike Gregg** while Mike was recovering from a work-related accident and needed help. Mike Gregg added, "He was a salvation for me."

Grimes has been married to **Kathy** for 30 years. They have a daughter, **Hillary**, who is currently a graduate student at UCLA. They travel the world; Grimes is an avid sports fans and lifelong baseball fan. He has participated in his church choir for the past five years and has been on the board for Point. Loma Summer

Concerts Series, and he and Kathy are on the board for the Guy and Gloria Muto Memorial Scholarship Foundation and on a fundraising board to fight HIV/AIDS in Botswana and Zimbabwe. He has been involved with Peninsula Community Planning Board and the Airport Relocation Committee, and worked with San Diego City Councilman **Byron Wear** for seven years in Airport Operations. He has been a member of IPSSA since 1981.

d) **Paul Grimes** was selected as recipient of the 2008 B.K. Taylor Memorial Award.

4) Operation Homefront Request – **Bert Vexland**, San Diego Metro, sent a letter asking R7 to assist soldiers with donations or by adopting a few military families for the holidays. Motion was made by **Brian Lindlar** and seconded by **John Hackett** to approve \$680 from R7 to match funds from Metro for Operation Homefront; the motion did not pass.

Bill Peck said this came up in San Diego chapter. Each chapter can do something if they wish; perhaps the Region can consider limiting charitable donations to pool industry related causes.

Mark Curran added that any requests his chapter receives are tabled for review; otherwise, the board feels ambushed with so many requests. The chapter passes the hat for individual donations. **Gough** pointed out that one of the criteria for selection as recipient of the B. K. Taylor Memorial Award is community involvement, not just service within the pool industry; also, since we are in the San Diego area, we have a concentration of military. Hackett asserted that he gets emotional regarding the military – these are people who are willing to die for us.

Peck suggested that one thing to consider when developing the new budget is charitable donations and guidelines for which causes to support.

5) Picnic – **Johnson** said Mission Bay, where we have held the R7 picnic in the past, gave us grief about the picnic becoming a trade show. **Gough** said part of the problem was the vendors themselves insisting on displaying their banners. Bring your ideas about picnic locations to the next R7 meeting in Dec. so we can make a decision; picnic planning will begin in Feb.

6) Attendance – **Gough** reminded attendees that IPSSA Inc. bylaws state that region boards be comprised of two representatives from each chapter. R7 requires that any chapters not having at least one rep in attendance at an R7 Board meeting will be fined for non-attendance.

Adjournment

Adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Thanks, Jandy!

John Hackett, Escondido chapter, has informed us that **Chris Chasen**, Jandy Pool Products, came through big time and donated a new-style heater for a commercial pool at Valley Oaks Mobile Home Park, Reche Road, Fallbrook. The Park had lost a lot of homes and suffered lots of damage in the recent fires. Hackett installed the heater. Thanks, Jandy, for the donation! And thanks, John!

Operation Homefront

Our objective is to assist our military families left behind during deployments with the day to day issues that arise so our warriors are not pre-occupied with the goings on at home and can concentrate on the job at hand!

Veterans, civilians and local businesses in San Diego County want to help fight the war on terrorism by showing their support of our military families! We have local businesses who are willing to provide pro-bono services, donated furniture, appliances, baby items, stuff! If you have a problem or a need, or if you would like to volunteer, please call the Operation Homefront hotline at (619) 606-2861 or email us at sandy@cinchouse.com.

www.operationhomefront.net/san-diego

Operation Homefront is the brainchild of CinC House, a local organization of military wives, and KOGO-AM/600 radio personality **Roger Hedgecock**, who promotes the program heavily on his afternoon show.

Summary Analysis of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (Act) promotes the safe use of pools, spas and hot tubs by imposing mandatory federal requirements for suction entrapment avoidance and by establishing a voluntary grant program for states with laws that meet certain minimum requirements as outlined in the Act. Effective December 20, 2007, the Act is being administered by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

1. Mandatory Federal Requirements for Entrapment Avoidance. By December 20, 2008, the Act requires:

- **Safety Drain Covers.** Each swimming pool or spa drain cover manufactured, distributed, or entered into commerce in the United States shall conform to the American National Standard ASME A112.19.8 - 2007 Suction Fittings for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). Compliance with this Standard will be enforced by the CPSC as a consumer product safety rule.
- **Public Pool Drain Covers.** Each public pool and spa (as defined), both new and existing, shall be equipped with drain covers conforming to the ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 - 2007 Standard described above.
- **Public Pool Drain Systems.** Each public pool and spa (pump) with a single main drain, other than an unblockable drain, shall be equipped with one or more additional devices or systems designed to prevent suction entrapment that meet the requirements of any applicable ASME/ANSI Standard or applicable consumer product safety rule. In addition to a compliant drain cover, such additional devices or systems include a safety vacuum release system (SVRS), or suction limiting vent system, or gravity drainage system, or automatic pump shutoff system, or drain disablement, or other system determined by the CPSC to be equally effective in preventing suction entrapment.

ANSI/APSP-7 Standard Exceeds Federal Requirements. All pools and spas configured to comply with ANSI/APSP-7 American National Standard for Suction Entrapment Avoidance in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, and Catch Basins will comply with each of these mandatory requirements.

2. Voluntary Grant Program for States. The CPSC will also establish and administer a grant program for eligible states. A sum of \$2 million is authorized to be appropriated to the CPSC for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010. In order to be eligible for a grant, a state must impose certain requirements by statute, including:

- **Barriers.** The enclosure of all outdoor residential pools and spas by barriers to entry that will effectively prevent small children from gaining unsupervised and unfettered access;
- **Suction Entrapment Avoidance.**

New. Each pool and spa built more than one year after enactment of the state statute shall employ one of the following:

- The installation of more than one safety drain per suction system, or
- The installation of one or more unblockable drains, or
- No drains.

Existing. In addition to a compliant drain cover, each pool or spa with a single main drain, other than an unblockable drain, shall be equipped with one or more of the following safety options — a safety vacuum release system (SVRS), or suction limiting vent system, or gravity drainage system, or automatic pump shut-off system, or drain disablement, or other system determined by the CPSC to be equally effective in preventing suction entrapment.

- **Funding.** The grant program directs state recipients to use grant funding to:
 - Hire and train enforcement personnel and
 - Educate pool companies, pool owners and operators, and other members of the public about the standards contained in the Act and about the prevention of drowning or entrapment of children.

www.apsp.org/clientresources/documents/2Summaryof%20P-SSafetyAct

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