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IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7

Regular Board Mtg Minutes

SCP Conf. Rm, San Diego, CA

Wed., March 25, 2009

Attendance

Chuck Gough, R7 Director, Carlsbad;
Jordan Nelson, R7 Treasurer, N. Cty Coastal;
Peter Gozdeck, R7 Billing Agent;
Dustin Moors, R7 Secretary, Carlsbad VP;
David Talbot, Carlsbad President;
John Hackett, Escondido President;
Jim Lawson, North County Coastal;
Brian Lindlar, North County Coastal VP;
Thomas Regalado, Rancho Del Mar Pres.;
Mark T. Curran, San Diego President;
Bill Peck, San Diego;
Dick Allen, SD East County Pres.;
Robert West, SD East County;
Steve Elbik, SD Metro VP;
Nancy Gillespie, Recording Secretary.

Not represented: All chapters were represented.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by **Steve Elbik**, seconded by **John Hackett**, and carried to approve:

- 1) Minutes of the Dec. 17, 2008 meeting as submitted
- 2) Treasurer's Report as reported.

Treasurer's Report

Jordan Nelson, R7 Treasurer, prepared the Treasurer's Report and e-mailed to **Gough** but forgot to bring a copy to tonight's meeting. However, he recalls that total current assets are about \$22,000. **Gozdeck** noticed a \$29 charge on each account – checking, Emergency Fund, and Picnic; Nelson will find out what that is.

Treasurer's Report was later provided: total income 1/1/09 through 3/23/09; \$903.00, checking account balance, \$5,075.85; CD #1, \$3,255.06; CD #2, \$5,240.46; Emergency Fund, \$8,725.79; Savings, \$508.36; for a total current assets of \$22,805.52.

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad **Dustin Moors:**

- 1) Chapter has new Board members who are still learning.
- 2) Wants info on chapter supporters.

Escondido **John Hackett:**

- 1) Charity – Chapter donated to a fund for **Amber Dubois**, an Escondido child missing since 2/13. **Sean Byron**, chairman of the Charity Committee, was one of the volunteers looking for her and will join in another search Sun. Chapter members will participate in the Amber Dubois Benefit Poker Run, a motorcycle run, bike show, and BBQ, to be held Sat., 3/28.
- 2) Every year the chapter organizes a trip to a Padres game. They will do it again this year but haven't decided whether to get suites as in the past.
- 3) Membership – two new members.

N County Coastal **Jordan Nelson:**

- 1) Chapter newsletter is now being distributed by e-mail.
- 2) No plans yet for a chapter picnic.
- 3) Might change meeting location.
- 4) Heard complaints regarding the fine for non-attendance at the 10/27/08 teleconference.
- 5) **Steve Olet** died late last year like a true pool man, during an acid wash.

Rancho Del Mar **Thomas Regalado:**

- 1) Chapter is doing well.
- 2) Membership – a few new members. A member's wife wants to join. Attendees pointed out that she and any

Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., June 24, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 16 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.

children are already covered under his insurance if they work for him.

- 3) Year-end party was not held last Dec.; instead, gift cards were sent to everyone.

San Diego **Mark Curran:**

- 1) Membership – chapter continues to grow; two or three new members, with several prospects at the last meeting
- 2) Chapter supporters – 25 to 30 chapter supporters. Even with the economy being what it is, all but a few have renewed.
- 3) Sick leave – The revised sick leave policy has been in effect a few weeks and is going extremely well. Chapter had two members down who were grateful for the coverage. Sick members are now required, if able, to attend all general meetings while out on sick leave, as well as a logistical distribution meeting with the sick leave chairmen to assist assigning pools to be covered. The per-pool per visit reimbursement fee has increased to \$10 for residential and \$15 plus chemicals for commercial accounts, with the fees paid into an escrow account in advance of each week of sick coverage. The decision to be reimbursed or not is still at the discretion of the servicing member; if not, the money goes back to the sick member.

The requirement that down members attend meetings was made because with an aging membership, some members

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might have elective surgery and be in no rush to return; the chapter needs to see cooperation on the part of down members. Bill Peck added a few years ago there were very hard feelings because someone was abusing sick leave.

The spirit of sick leave coverage is to take care of the pool, but that does not mean servicing members can't charge, and actually, only a few do charge. Chapter tries to keep it anonymous so servicing members do not feel bad if they do ask for reimbursement.

4) Education – now in the second year of chapter's new continuing education program, which requires every member to earn 10 credits every two years.

5) Annual R7 Table Top held Jan. 24 was a huge success, with 335 attendees, 179 of which were IPSSA members, 88 from San Diego chapter.

SD East County Dick Allen:

1) Membership – two new members.

2) Picnic – Chapter is wondering if the annual R7 picnic will be held this year. Chapter held its own picnic last year and is thinking of having a BBQ/membership drive this year.

SD Metro Steve Elbik:

1) Longtime member **Chris Bailey** passed away in January.

2) Membership – want to bring in some new faces, have some prospects.

R7 Director's Report

1) Tax ID number – As stated in the March Special Newsletter, it is important that each chapter has its bank account registered with the IPSSA, Inc. tax ID number in order to maintain favorable tax status. Any questions, call Cramer and Associates and then make sure your bank has that number associated with your account.

2) Membership – IPSSA's attorney would like to see chapters set up written criteria for membership so there is less chance of a lawsuit for prejudice. In addition, the attorney is concerned that prospective new members who are not approved for membership have no way to appeal the decision.

Attendees commented that prospects are rarely rejected for membership. If prospect meets the requirements and has attended the required number of meetings, voting is merely a formality. Most chapters have the prospect leave the room while the vote is taken, but it is done in a light-hearted manner. **Robert**

West recalled that there was once a prospect who met the criteria but not the ethics and spirit of IPSSA and was therefore not voted in for membership.

Curran explained that San Diego chapter has a membership committee and a written list of membership criteria. The criteria are being fine-tuned. If you want a copy, let him know. A past chapter president will assist with review of prospects, then the prospect is interviewed at a chapter board meeting. It is a long process.

Consensus was that, assuming a prospect meets membership criteria adequately but is rejected for membership, the appeal should take place at the region level, not B.O.R.D. level.

3) Next B.O.R.D. meeting is in Aug. in San Diego. San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau provided **Vickie Lester** with a list of hotels to house attendees. *Consensus* was that the Embarcadero was the best venue, because of the scenic waterfront.

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

1) Proposed 2009 Budget – **Gough** presented the draft 2009 Budget and said there is not enough income to meet expenses after the surplus is gone. He said **Loyal Johnson**, the previous R7 treasurer, somehow kept the finances above water, but had no starting balance and no deposits. It is possible that the money from fines kept us afloat, but we do not like making our money from fines. Loyal had suggested raising dues – dues have not been raised since 1988 – but without a budget or bank balance, there had been nothing to base his recommendation on. **Curran** and **West** opined that now is not the time to raise dues, when there is a surplus in the bank account; this issue can be revisited at the end of the year.

Jordan Nelson said he would find out if he can get from the bank a history of activity on the accounts and a record of deposits and from whom. *Motion* was made by **Chuck Gough**, seconded by **Dustin Moors**, and carried to approve an amount not to exceed \$200 for any accounting fee the bank might charge. **Bill Peck** suggested inviting **Javier Payan**, past R7 director, to the next R7 meeting to give a budget history.

2) Picnic – **Mark Curran** said the annual R7 picnic will be on a Sat. or

Sun. in Aug. **A. J. Wilson** had suggested Admiral Baker Park as the site for this year's picnic. **Janice Dunn** (cell 760-239-1546), wife of **Mark** at PEP, has volunteered to head the Picnic Committee. Three chapters have volunteers for the committee, but Dunn wasn't getting responses from other chapters. **Gillespie** said she would offer Dunn contact info on the R7 chapters. The picnic was cancelled last year because staff at Mission Bay, the planned site, objected to vendor displays; also, **Juhli Selbi** of SCP, who had coordinated it, moved away.

West said East County chapter might not be interested in participating in this year's picnic and asked if the chapter would be reimbursed the money they contributed. **Gough** said the Board could vote on it.

3) Fines – There was concern regarding the fine for non-attendance at the 10/27/08 teleconference, as some did not feel there was enough advance notice. **Gough** reminded the Board that the 12/08 R7 newsletter included a statement that it is the responsibility of elected chapter presidents to check their e-mail daily; also, at the 12/17/08 R7 meeting, it was decided that if a special meeting is scheduled, **Gillespie** will phone chapter presidents to remind them. **Dick Allen** said that the weekend before the October teleconference, he and his wife were out of town and therefore did not check e-mail before the Monday evening teleconference. **West** said phones are the most reliable means of communicating.

Motion was made by **Jordan Nelson**, seconded by **Dick Allen**, and carried to approve requiring two forms of communication to inform R7 Board members before a special meeting before fining; special notice is not required before regularly scheduled R7 meetings, as everyone already knows the schedule for the year. **Curran** suggested Board members inform **Gough** if they are leaving town for any length of time.

4) Attendance – **Bill Peck** said IPSSA bylaws state that one of the requirements for eligibility for membership is that a prospect attend 3 consecutive chapter meetings. He proposed changing it to 3 out of 4. **Gough** will bring it the B.O.R.D.

5) Next R7 meeting – Wed., 6/24/09.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.