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Meeting Called to order at 10:15am

Treasurer Report - \$17,839.97

Attending:

Mary Gonzales, Linda McMurphy, Jimmy Saxon, James Salter, Tim Cantwell, Tony Peredo, Tim Markham, Bob Eastwood, William Bruce, Dennis McLaughlin, Ann Ray

The votes are in for your new officers!

Effective December 2013 Tim Cantwell will be The Group Chair. Tony Peredo will be the Vice Chair, James Salter will be the Treasurer and Dennis will be moved to the Past Chair. We are excited that finally have some new faces holding offices!

So far, no one has been willing to volunteer for the Secretary duties.

The position of Secretary takes approximately 14 hours per month to fulfill and doubles during planning for the BAT Forum and Seminar. Secretary duties include notes from meetings, writing and distributing the minutes, mailing for Forum/Seminar and disbursing requests for information from other members to the Group as a whole.

Bill Bruce suggested shared responsibilities for the Secretary position and volunteered to help. He would be willing to put out the monthly newsletter.

It was suggested that we record the meetings, not only would it help with accuracy but also wouldn't require the same person to attend every meeting. Kathy has a recorder purchased by the Group and will pass it on.

Chic Nessly will be assuming Web Master Duties. Dennis and Chic looked into some written software programs for websites.

They found a program that is user friendly and allows for drag and drop design. It is cost effective at \$50.00. Dennis and Chic believe that the Web Master Job is going to be particularly intensive during the re build. It may be that we will have to take the site down for a short period. The new site will include weekly updates from DOH with WAC updates, links to suppliers, adding suppliers/advertisers, adding monthly newsletters, adding pictures etc of various tours, and keeping up with Forum/Seminar information. It was decided that we will buy one laptop for the purpose of loading and maintaining the Website. This will enable to Group to maintain possession of our information and will not need to be loaded on anyone's personal equipment. It will also provide easy transference should Chic decide to pass on the duties at some given point in the future.

Tim Cantwell motioned that the Group research laptops for purchase with office software and that we would vote on the options in December. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion on Agenda and planning – Everyone was reminded that the Agenda is annual and not monthly and is set for the following year at the December meeting. The list of meetings that have preset topics/events are; March – BAT forum, August – Picnic, October – Seminar, November – Elections, December – Planning/Agenda. Request to have ideas for meeting topics, locations and possible field trips to be submitted prior to the December meeting.

Suggestions were made to bounce the locations for North End to South End, with Issaquah being considered “Central”.

Discussion on BAT Forum and contacting the new CCS for the City of Bellevue which then led to a discussion about changing the venue for the BAT Forum, leaving it in Bellevue or close but not necessarily at the City of Bellevue where it has been held previously. Parking isn’t ideal; access to the building isn’t ideal and difficult for vendors etc to get their display materials inside.

With charging a fee for the forum, if we wanted to rent space, as long as it is reasonably priced, would be an option.

Ann will look into possible meeting places in and around Bellevue – Meydenbauer Center, and other meeting rooms, hotels etc for quotes, viability and availability. She will get back to the Board when she has information.

Tim talked about the ABPA conference he went to in Vegas – he said our seminar is equally as good and we have more pertinent topics which then led to possible speakers. Shawn Cleary with IAPMO and a representative of a town in southern California had their BPA’s stolen. It was suggested that Denny Lopp should be recommended to SRC4 as a speaker that they might enjoy.

There was a suggestion that we should start a new practice to send Thank You Notes to Water District Managers, Council, Boards or Business Owners for allowing staff time to participate on our board.

Mary requested final receipts from Bob so she could get the final cost of putting on the Seminar this year.

We would like to thank Ann Ray for keeping notes and drafting the newsletter this month.

Next meeting will be at Northshore Utility District December 18th.

The address is 6830 NE 185th St S, Kenmore

Now that we have new a fresh new board, we will need some fresh ideas for topics and field trips. Please give it some thought and contact Dennis with your ideas!! Mclaughlinbackflowtesting.msn.com

Signing off, and wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!!

