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Our Chair, Tim Cantwell opened the meeting at 10 AM. Introductions were given and the treasury balance is \$16,485.01. We still are in the process of transferring the treasurer's title from Mary G. to James at the bank. It became a little more difficult than we thought, but all is on track and James will be responsible for the bank account very soon. In the meantime, Dennis informed us that he has made a change to our account that will allow us to collect interest on the monies, which was not the case prior to this action.

Tim revisited our situation regarding the Group Webpage. In a nutshell, it is out of date, and there is simply no one that is active in the Group with the abilities to bring what we have into the new century. After many discussions, and attempts to update and/or purchase something new, with no success, Tony Peredo has volunteered his relative Jeffrey Nelson to speak to us. He is a Web designer (NELSONIQ DESIGN) and possesses the expertise to give us some professional advice and guidance.

We talked about our web site and what can be done with it. It was very exciting to see the possibilities. The Group is forming a committee to evaluate his three proposals. Dennis, Scott, Ron Brown, Chic, Ann & Fred volunteered, and we need one more to assemble an odd number for voting. If you would like to be on the Web Site Committee let Dennis know by January 27, (mclaughlinbackflowtesting@msn.com) or call him at 206 364 9531. Dennis will email a copy of the Web building contract with Jeff to everyone involved. The committee will meet via a conference call the first part of February. Dennis will be in contact with the committee when the details become available. We will vote on the committee's recommendation at the next meeting and hopefully move forward, finally!

There was a brief discussion with Dave Cantrell from King County regarding the lead free rule. He confirmed that the new rule will not be enforced until April 1st of this year. Dave also reminded us that this rule only affects potable water supply. Any water use such as boiler make-up, irrigation, stand-alone fire lines, things like that, do not need to be lead free. However, my fire inspectors posed the question to me; are the sprinkler fittings and heads on a flow-through fire system (which is now code in Redmond) required to be lead free? My gut instinct tells me that the answer would be yes, but I have nothing to back it. If anyone knows the definitive answer to that, please share it with us.

Dave said that there are markings, or symbols that will be on the lead free fittings and backflow assemblies. He will share them with us when he gets time.

We also discussed the Bats' role in identifying whether or not an assembly meets the lead-free rule. Dave explained that it is the plumbing inspectors' responsibility and just like other cases, the BAT is welcomed and encouraged to make comments, but are not required to.

Scott spoke briefly regarding the yellow manual development process. There will be a 3rd revision which will basically clean up some language, but shouldn't change the intent of the guideline. He suggested that if you have not purchased a manual yet, it would be a good idea to wait for the 3rd revision.

Bob wanted folks to be aware that he is attempting to stay in touch with the fire coalition. He is going to try to get an updated calendar of their meetings so either he or possibly another Group member could attend. Bob also raised the question regarding automatic membership for the SRC4, and any other entities that are vital to our efforts. Tim and Bob suggested that the Group officers should attempt to meet with the board of the SRC4 in hopes to share information and support each other. These items will be discussed further at a later date.

In my attempts of distribution of email to the members, I am suddenly having many addressed returned as non-deliverable. Our member Bill Bruce has attempted to contact some of these folks to verify the accuracy and validity of their emails, and yet I still have a large number of returns. If you know of members that are not receiving emails from the Group, please have them contact me so I can make corrections on the master list of members. Don't forget to pay your 2014 memberships dues! (Form attached)

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(green highlights have paid 2014 dues)

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In attendance today was Jeffery Nelson, (designer@nelsoniqdesign.com) who gave us a presentation and an offer to improve our website (more information to follow).

Dave Cantrell and Mark Fallgatter of King County Plumbing Inspections were also present today. We really appreciate their time supporting our Group efforts.

Next meeting will be held on February 19th at Issaquah. The address is 1775 12th Ave. NW, Issaquah, 98027.

We will hear what the Web Page Committee has to say and vote on how to proceed with it.

The heart of the meeting will be the discussion of the State Annual Summary that all purveyors are required to complete for the previous year's cross connection activities with in their jurisdiction. If you've never completed one of these summaries, it would be most beneficial for you to attend this meeting.

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Have a great weekend!

Kathy Caldwell Group Sec.