



Minutes of the general membership meeting on:  
February 14, 2007 at:  
SACWSD  
Klein Water Treatment Facility  
7400 Quebec Street  
Commerce City, Colorado

President Tamra Krebs called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

In attendance:

Tami Krebs –President	Byron McElhinney – Secretary	
Scott Campbell - Treasurer		
Cory Spengler	Gary Edwards	Alan Platt
Mark Rands	Craig Florence	Nick Neurauter
Troy Channell	Willis Waterhouse	Keith Auer
Mike Holub	Wayland Anderson	James C. Jamsay
Joe James	Steve Krebs	Scott Smith
Walt Schnapp	Mike Brune	Ronald Craig

Our thanks go to Mark Rands and the South Adams County Water and Sanitation District for hosting today's meeting and providing some of the refreshments.

#### **Introductions: Tamra Krebs**

President Tamra Krebs had everyone introduce themselves. Welcome to all of the visitors.

#### **Minutes: Byron McElhinney**

Gary Edwards moved to accept the minutes of the January 10 meeting. Steve Krebs seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Board of Directors Report: Tamra Krebs**

No report

#### **Treasurer Report: Scott Campbell**

The current balance in the checking account is \$ xx.xx. The copy of the checkbook register was passed around for member inspection.

Scott Campbell shared spreadsheets of the conference information. The data is not finalized. Credit card charges have been forwarded to National but the money has not been returned. This should total \$6800.00 less the handling charges.

### **Hospitality Committee: Cory Spengler**

The March meeting will be held at the office of Backflow Consulting, Testing and Repair located at 15403 East 17th Avenue - Unit F, Aurora CO 80013. Other meetings for the year are awaiting confirmation from the hosting entities.

### **Newsletter Committee: Byron McElhinney**

Fred Spengler will provide an article about the fire suppression rule changes. This newsletter will probably be mailed to the water purveyors in the state as well as the membership.

### **Bylaws Committee: Byron McElhinney**

A travel reimbursement policy has been written and sent to the Board of Directors for comment. We are waiting all the comments before we send it to the BOD for adoption.

### **Conference and Seminars Committee: Byron McElhinney**

We have finalized the plans for the 8 hour repair seminars presented by Jim Purzycki. The first seminar will be in Pueblo hosted by the South East Colorado Backflow Prevention Association (SECBPA) on April 10. CBPA will host the three remaining seminars on April 11 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, April 12 at the Longmont Utility Center in Longmont, and in Durango on April 14.

We are working with the Education Committee to get the Fire Suppression Seminar packaged for presentations around the state.

The date is set for the 2007 Conference. November 15 and 16 have been reserved at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. A committee meeting will happen shortly.

There will be a photo contest that will be displayed at the 2007 conference. The details will be worked out shortly and the contest will then be announced in the newsletter and on the Website.

### **Education Committee: Alan Platt**

There will be a meeting soon and a report at the next meeting.

### **PACE Committee: Byron McElhinney**

Copies of the current PACE application were made available.

National has sent the requirements and guidelines for the 2006 PACE. The deadline for the application is March 23.

## **Membership Committee: Leigh Fenton**

No report

## **Website Committee: Gary Edwards**

Gary Edwards created email accounts for each of the committees.

Tami Krebs will work with Gary Edwards and with the South East Colorado Backflow Prevention Association to work out a way for the SECBPA to be listed on the internet, possibly on our site with their own page.

The new security patch was installed.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Standardized test reports were discussed. There is a form being developed in Fort Collins that may be adopted by many of the northern water districts. Tami Krebs suggested we create a place on the Website where we can post an electronic form for any entity that has a form of their own, like Colorado Springs or Arvada. Then we can post all the forms and list which purveyors require which forms. It was suggested we wait until after Tami Krebs attends the Northern Subchapter meeting on March 21 to post the suggested form from Fort Collins.

## **New Business:**

Many of the visitors to today's meeting are from Commerce City Parks Department and wanted to discuss the theft of irrigation Backflow Assemblies. Some of the items of discussion included:

- Use enclosures with solid walls so people cannot see what is inside.
- Paint enclosures to camouflage them and to reduce the value of the enclosure metal.
- Use the correct locks.
- Correct installation (per manufacturer's recommendations) of enclosures.
- Educate the people blowing out the systems. Many times they are not securing the assemblies or enclosures properly after they winterize the systems.
- Use stickers such as "high voltage" or "radioactive" to discourage tampering or theft.

There is a bill pending in the state legislature, HB 1141, that should help the problem of the devices being used for scrap metal. Mark Rands suggested everyone contact their state legislators and encourage passage of the bill.

CBPA will create a Webpage listing the serial numbers of stolen BPAs in an effort to assist in the solving of this problem. Entities that have had backflow preventers stolen are encouraged to send the appropriate information to [info@backflow.org](mailto:info@backflow.org) to have it posted on our Website.

Mark Rands also passed around some pictures of incorrect installations of water softeners in his district where the softener was directly connected to the sewer line. The installations were done without permits.

Tami Krebs asked for ideas for items that CBPA can provide to the silent auction in Reno. Providing a Colorado picture book was one suggestion.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

March 14, 2007	Backflow Consulting, Testing and Repair 15403 East 17th Avenue - Unit F Aurora CO 80013	9:00 am
April 11, 2007	Jefferson County Fairgrounds Following the Jim Purzycki Repair Seminar	4:00 p.m.
April 30-May 2	ABPA National Conference Reno, Nevada	
November 15	CBPA Annual Conference Jefferson County Fairgrounds	

**Meeting adjournment:**

Tami Krebs adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Mark Rands arranged for interested parties to tour the Klein Water Treatment Facility. Two groups of meeting attendees toured the facility.

Respectfully Submitted  
Byron McElhinney, Secretary