

NORTH CAROLINA SEPTIC TANK ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 28, 2006
Village Inn Golf & Conference Center
Clemmons, NC

The Officers and Board of Directors of the North Carolina Septic Tank Association met on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at the Village Inn Golf and Conference Center, site of the upcoming 2006 16th Annual Convention & Exposition.

Frank Pearce welcomed those in attendance and asked David Cooper to open the Meeting with Prayer.

In attendance were:

Frank Pearce, President
Jimmy Shoaf, Treasurer
Jim Lanier
Larry Beam
Stanley Mills
Chris Dobbins

David Cooper, Vice-President
Connie Stevens
David Wallwork
John Peele
Keith Blackburn

Proxy was held for Ace Potter and Gabe Dellinger

Doug Lassiter presented the Minutes from the Meeting of December 3, 2005. After review, Keith Blackburn made a Motion to Accept the Minutes, seconded by Chris Dobbins, and approved unanimously.

Jimmy Shoaf presented the Treasurer's Report to the attendees. The general fund held a balance of \$16,452.37. The Education Fund holds a balance of \$5,878.98, and the Demonstration Account holds \$1,553.96. Jim Lanier made a Motion that the Treasurer's Report be Accepted, seconded by Larry Beam and approved unanimously. Jimmy Shoaf made a report that the current bank charged fees for transactions and other charges. Shoaf asked if the Board would consider a change in banks if these fees could not be lifted. Jimmy also made a note to the Board that the Web Fee for the NCSTA website had been changed from \$8.96 to \$11.95. Doug Lassiter asked that the Demonstration Account be closed out and the balance be returned to E-Z Set Company. Jimmy Shoaf said he would get a final balance and close out the account and send along the correct amount.

Doug Lassiter opened up Old Business with an update on the Installer Certification Legislation. Doug also mentioned that the second section of the Bill, the home inspectors section, was getting a great deal of attention. Jimmy Shoaf asked if there was any way to coordinate this training with the training of the Local Environmental Health interns. Doug said that the training and certification (licensing) of Environmental Health Specialists was the authority of the RS Board (Registered Sanitarians) and this probably would not change. David Cooper stated that he sees more and more higher technology pretreatment systems going in. Jim Lanier agreed and said that this training has to be an important part of the Installer Bill. David Wallwork wanted to know if the Association had any data on how the effluent filter requirement since January 1, 1999 had benefited septic tank systems. Doug Lassiter said that the improvement would be more general than documented since no field statistics had ever been established. Jim Lanier stated that there were contractors in his area that he knew were taking the filter out of the tanks they installed after they were inspected. Jim wanted the Association to take a formal stance on the State and Local government's inaction on these contractors. Jimmy Shoaf stated that this was a good example of the real problem with the industry and that we didn't need new Rules, only an enforcement of what we have.

Doug Lassiter opened up New Business with a request that the Board consider review and changes in the NCSTA Bylaws. Connie Stevens stated that the Bylaws would have to be reopened before appropriate changes could be made. Doug Lassiter passed out copies of the current NCSTA Bylaws and asked the Board members to review and propose changes. These changes would be discussed at the meeting of March 4 and the general membership would be asked to vote on the changes at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday April 1 (16th Annual Convention).

With the 2006 Convention, Frank Pearce would end his term as President. The Board of Directors is charged with the nomination and election of Officers. The Board also researches possible Board members for replacement of members rotating off. Board positions are also opened for nomination from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Jim Lanier proposed Connie Stevens as the incoming President of the NCSTA. Jim Lanier also mentioned that Latt Moretz of Bethlehem Manufacturing had expressed interest in returning to the Board.

The subject of the NCSTA website was discussed. Jimmy Shoaf had asked about compensation for Carolyn Moretz for her work establishing and administering the Webpage. Jimmy proposed that \$700 be sent to Carolyn Moretz for her work to date. Everyone felt this was reasonable compensation and the check shall be sent. Jimmy also said that Carolyn had asked for additional information such as from Supplier members like Crumpler Plastic Pipe and SI Concrete. Other information included Convention Agenda and Registration, Hotel Link, and information on how to link to the website.

Connie Stevens asked about the Registration procedures for the Convention and wanted to have the ability to produce and distribute Certificates at the Convention so they wouldn't have to be mailed. David Wallwork asked if there were available speaking slots and that he would like John DeRham to be able to speak.

Jimmy Shoaf stated that he had recently received a publication of "Concrete Today" and it had an article stating that the concrete producer could make extra profits with leftover concrete by making septic tanks. Jimmy Shoaf and the other Board members felt this was wrong and that the Association should reply to "Concrete Today" against the article.

With no other Business Larry beam made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Connie Stevens, and approved unanimously.