

ALUMINUM ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC.

January 24, 2015

Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront

Melbourne, FL

President Dowd called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Scott Myers led in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Each person stated their name and chapter affiliation. Those attending were:

**SOUTHEAST:** Mike Sonsini, Bob Monsour

**SOUTHWEST:** John Meyer

**TREASURE COAST:** Tom Dowd, Richard Moore, Gary Whigham

**MID FLORIDA:** Richard Gillmore, David Johns, Chip Miller, Tim Orié

**SUNCOAST:** Gary Hartshorn, Steve Green

**NATURE'S COAST:** Kevin Sciglia

**NORTHEAST:** David Miller, Jeff Briar, Doug Schnorr

**UMDA:** Gary Howard, Don Leggett, Scott Myers, James Monaco, Jason Monaco, Regina Stenberg, Lisa Beneduci, Bill Feeley, Christian Smith

**PROFESSIONAL (nonvoting):** Mike Driscoll, Keith Burnett, Michael Prince, Eric Bahr, David Smith

**GUESTS:** Joe Belcher, Randy Bahr, Marco Dalerno, Alton Keel, Mark Wagner, Al Bailey, Blake Miller, Joel Falardeau

Wanda Classe attended as staff. A quorum was present. It was determined that the three voting UMDA members would be: Don Leggett, Gary Howard and Scott Myers.

**MINUTES** – President Dowd asked for additions or changes to the November 8, 2014 minutes, stating that the minutes had been emailed to all members. Richard Gillmore made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Sciglia seconded the motion. In discussion Chip Miller stated that he would like to see the minutes reflect that he asked for the results of the wind tunnel testing at that meeting. With this one amendment, the motion passed with one opposing vote.

**FINANCIAL** – Treasurer David Johns distributed a Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual as of December 31, 2014. He explained each line item and if it was under or over budget. The December 31, 2014 ending balance was \$62,368.61 showing an actual gain of \$355.91 for the period of January-December, 2014. Gary Hartshorn made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. John Meyer; approved.

Treasurer Johns presented a proposed 2015 budget. After review of the budget, membership will be given a budget of \$1,500 and publications a budget of \$500. Don Leggett made a motion to adopt the presented budget with these two amounts added. Gary Hartshorn seconded the motion; approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President Dowd thanked everyone for attending and the Treasure Coast Chapter for the refreshments. He continued to state that there were lots to discuss during the committee reports including contactor issues over engineering.

He also asked everyone to make every effort to RSVP for these meeting so appropriate food and seating could be arranged.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** Chair Don Leggett stated that he is continuing to mail post cards to contractors in the area of the board meetings and encouraging them to attend.

He presented an Uncle Sam poster that AAF had used in previous membership campaigns and encouraged suppliers to put them on their counters and contractors to use them to promote membership,

**Publication:** Chair Don Leggett reported that the committee's goal of securing 10 advertising sponsors by January 15, 2015 was not reached therefore the initial planned magazine will not happen at this time. His goal is still to have a publication with product driven articles, awards listings and supplier articles.

**Events** – Wanda Classe stated that a contract had been signed for the Sandcastle for August 14-15, 2015. She continued to state that she has an unsigned contract from Rosen Shingle Creek for November-6-7, 2015 with golf on Friday. The May location was just decided to be the west coast – Tampa Area and she will now try to secure that location.

A discussion commenced regarding a trade show and the possibility of holding one this year. There were some strong pros and cons regarding trying to put one together for this year. A Trade Show Committee was appointed and will consist of: Richard Moore, David Johns, Tom Dowd, Scott Myers, Blake Miller, Bill Feeley and Don Leggett. They will look into the feasibility of having a trade show in conjunction with the meeting at the Rosen Shingle.

**Hospitality** – Kevin Sciglia again thanked Treasure Coast Chapter for the hospitality suite's refreshments. He stated that the suite would open at 5:00 this afternoon and asked for a show of hands of those who would be joining the group dinner.

**Code Specialist** – Joe Belcher announced that the new building code (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) that was scheduled to go into effect on December 31, 2014 will go into effect June 30, 2015. Changes for the next code cycle will be open as soon as the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition is in effect.

He stated that the Florida Building Commission does not have the money to continue the wind tunnel testing. The University of Florida is planning some wind testing in April to support the current wind loads. There has been discussion as to where to place the sensors to get the best results. This led to questions regarding the wind tunnel testing that did take place and why this information was not being publicized and used in engineering and why the AAF Guide is not being updated with the information. It was explained that the Guide is a consensus document and cannot have one person to update it. It was also explained that the results of the testing were not conclusive.

A Corrosion Study is being planned.

Joe explained the Florida Specific Codes and how they expire every three years and have to be resubmitted. AAF has been doing this for many years and most contractors are not even aware of it.

**Technical** – David Miller stated that he had made the corrections to Chapter 3 of the Guide. He also stated that no new edition of the Guide is planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Code

**Professional Engineers** – Chairman Mike Driscoll asked the board for direction of the calculator. He also asked the contractors what they wanted from the engineering committee. There was discussion regarding both of these requests. The following points were made:

- AAF is not in the policing position
- Engineering and contractors need to work together
- Use results from the wind tunnel testing

**Unlicensed Activity** – Richard Gillmore stated that there was a sting operation in Brevard County where six were arrested.

**Windows** – Scott Myers reminded everyone to familiarize themselves with the new energy code dealing with windows and stated that the Florida Building Code now addresses multi-story windows. From retrofit to new construction changes have been made using U factors and vinyl frames. He continued to state that the new requirements are confusing and very technical.

**UMDA** – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** – It was stated that these meetings have too much engineering and not enough information for the contractors. It was suggested that at least 30 minutes of each board meeting be devoted to useful contractor information. It was also suggested that that some time be spent on other aluminum products/designs and not just pool enclosures.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Tim Orie distributed a letter written by Leonard G. Wood, P.E. recommending permitting for rescreens. He also recommended that the AAF start building records of failed enclosures as to the shape, screens used, structure and attachments. Tim also had pictures of failed enclosures. He asked the

Association to consider: (1) Submit a declaratory statement that anyone rescreening a screen enclosure needs to be properly licensed with a state certified aluminum specialty license or higher. (2) Develop and publish a guide on "Homeowner Maintenance and Responsibility for Pool Enclosures". (3) Develop a remediation guide for older pool enclosures based on what we learned from the wind tunnel testing. (4) Start keeping a record of reported pool enclosure failures in regard to type of failures, with photos and forensic analysis.

ADJOURN – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved

Wanda Classe  
Administrator

Richard Gillmore  
Secretary