

ALUMINUM ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC.

May 10, 2014

Holiday Isle

St. Augustine Beach, FL

President Dowd called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. David Johns led in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Each person stated their name and chapter affiliation.

SOUTHEAST: Bob Monsour, Charles Barden

SOUTHWEST: None in Attendance

TREASURE COAST: Tom Dowd

MID FLORIDA: Richard Gillmore, David Johns, Richard Eden, Tim Orie

SUNCOAST: Eric Bahr, Randy Davenport, Randy Bahr

NATURE'S COAST: Kevin Sciglia, Mike Moberly

NORTHEAST: David Miller, Jeff Briar

UMDA: Gary Howard, Christian Smith, Don Leggett

PROFESSIONAL (nonvoting): Mike Driscoll, Gus Tarnowski, David Smith

GUESTS: Joe Belcher, Chip Miller, Michael Williams, Glen Kull, Harold Coffield and Margaret Meyer

Wanda Classe attended as staff. A quorum was present.

MINUTES – President Dowd asked for additions or changes to the January 25, 2014 minutes, stating that the minutes had been emailed to all members. Joe Belcher stated that the minutes should be corrected to state that the wind tunnel testing was funded by the Florida Building Commission and the Dr. referred to in the testing is Dr. Sunmoon Jung. Mike Moberly made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Rick Eden seconded the motion; approved.

FINANCIAL – Treasurer David Johns distributed a Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual as of April 30, 2014. He pointed out items of interest and over or under budget items. The April 30, 2014 ending balance was \$63,770.61 showing an actual loss of \$819.74 for the period of January-April, 2014. After review of the line items, Kevin Sciglia made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Tim Orie seconded the motion; approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Dowd thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Northeast Chapter for sponsoring the refreshments in the Hospitality Suite and thanked David Miller for organizing it. David Miller, in turn, thanked Town and Country for funding the refreshments.

President Dowd also thanked everyone who participated in the Wind Tunnel Testing, especially Absolute Aluminum and Hartshorn Custom Contracting for providing the crews that did the actual installation. He said there would be a report on the testing later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Chair Don Leggett stated that AAF should use the Wind Tunnel Testing as a tool to increase membership. He stated that there would be more membership discussion on this during the Publications report.

Bylaws: Chair David Johns stated that at the last board meeting Chip Miller stated that he wanted to be involved in AAF but he did not want to belong to the Mid Florida Chapter because of the chapter dues and because he works in a coastal area, the issues of a coastal area and an inland area are quite different. He proposed the he and other Brevard/Volusia contractors be allowed to become Direct Members. David Miller stated that a proposed bylaw change was emailed to all members and a copy was provided in today's packet. Because everyone had a copy, he did not read the document but asked that it be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting:

Proposed change to By Laws Article 3 Section 3 Membership Classes.

Independent Contractor Member is hereby established to provide a NON VOTING membership class for contractors whose primary business location is within the jurisdiction of an established Chapter of this association.

The candidate must meet ALL the qualifications of a Contractor Member as stated in Article 3.

3.3.1.1(f) Independent Contractor Member.

(1) If an applicant chooses not be a member of the local chapter where the primary business is located, they can be accepted as an "Independent Contractor Member".

(2) An Independent Contractor Member Applicant must be a Contractor duly licensed to practice contracting within his jurisdiction and meet all other requirements by the Board of Directors.

(3) The Association Office will contact the Licensing Board listed in the Application to verify the information.

(4) Membership dues of the Independent Contractor Member will be retained by the State Treasury.

(5) All dues will be paid as State dues and the amount will be a minimum of \$50.00 above the state portion of chapter dues or a greater amount that may be set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(6) Independent Contractor Members will be classified as non-voting Members and will NOT be eligible to hold any office in this association but will be entitled to all other rights and privileges as described in these By-Laws.

Mike Moberly made a motion to approve the proposed bylaw change as distributed. Kevin Sciglia seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion was approved with one abstaining and four voting against. In accordance with the bylaw approval, Don Leggett made a motion to set the dues for these Non Voting Members to be \$400.00 yearly. David Miller seconded the motion; approved.

Publications – Don Leggett stated that AAF is missing a great opportunity by not taking advantage of social media. He further stated that Randy Davenport has volunteered to help start a social media campaign for AAF. Don stated that this is one way to get the word out on what AAF is doing and the benefits of being a member. Wanda Classe stated that AAF already had a Facebook page and would work with them to get them the information for the page. Don stated that Facebook was a beginning but they wanted to explore all social media that is available.

Events – Mike Moberly stated that last year the golf tournament raised \$3,200.00 and it is his goal to at least double that amount this year. He reported that right now AAF is in negotiation with Shingle Creek in the Orlando area stating that it is a more prestigious course/facility and that will result in higher fees. He asked for objections and it was the consensus that it would be worth paying more for this course. He reemphasized that AAF just received their proposal and the proposed date will be November 7 for golf and November 8 for the board meeting. He asked for a show of hands of those who would be willing to assist in the event. Tom Dowd, Don Leggett, Christian Smith, Kevin Sciglia and David Johns raised their hands. He asked that they meet in the back of the room at the conclusion of the board meeting. The name of the event will be AAF's 1st Annual John DeCosmo Golf Outing.

Wanda Classe stated that the August board meeting will be held on August 16, 2014 at the Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel in Sarasota now known as the Sandcastle Resort at Lido Beach. She stated that the Crowne Plaza in Melbourne Beach was offering AAF the same arrangement at the same cost for January 2015 as they did in January 2014. Everyone agreed that it would be nice to go back.

Code Specialist – Joe Belcher announced that the new building code that was scheduled to go into effect on December 31, 2014 may be delayed. He stated that there seems to be a problem in the implementation of the code. He will keep everyone informed.

Technical – David Miller stated that he would be reporting on three items during his report: (1) Student Guide Update, (2) Cease and Desist Letter and (3) Wind Tunnel Testing. He stated AAF was contacted by Professional Testing, the company who handles the testing to become Specialty Structure State Certified, asking the AAF to update the material currently being used. The current Student Guide is based on the 2002 code. He reported that he made some changes to the 2010 guide, with a strong statement that it cannot be used to pull permits. Four copies of the revised manual were printed – 2 sent to Professional Testing, 1 for his use and 1 for the AAF Office. He stated that he spent approximately 20 hours on the revision and asked to be compensated \$500. David Johns made a motion to approve the \$500.00. Mike Moberly seconded the motion; approved.

David Miller stated that a Cease and Desist Letter was received from McCabe Law Group representing Frank Cleaton and Davis & Cleaton, naming the Aluminum Association of Florida, Inc and David Miller for copyright infringement and demanding an immediate cease and desist of unlawful copying, use, building and testing of Cleaton's aluminum structure designs. This letter is believed to be referring to the wind tunnel testing structure. He continued to report that AAF has retained Ava Doppelt of Allen Dyer Doppelt Milbrath & Gilchrist an Orlando based Intellectual Property firm to write a response letter. This has been done and hopefully the matter is closed.

He stated that the Wind Tunnel Testing was conducted as planned. He described the testing facility, testing procedure and length of testing with 105 six-foot fans with 350 horsepower each, showing some actual pictures taken during the testing. There were a lot of questions and discussion. However, he stated that overall he felt it was worth the time and expense but no conclusions can be made until the test results are received from Dr. Sunmoon Jung.

Professional Engineers – Mike Driscoll stated that there will be an engineering meeting immediately following the board meeting.

Unlicensed Activity – Rick Gillmore distributed a copy of 61G4-15.015 Certification of Specialty Structure Contractors. He also distributed a sheet of paper stating that unlicensed contractors could face a fine of up to \$5,000.00. A fine of \$500.00 - \$5,000.00 could be charged to individuals who aid and abet unlicensed construction contractors. He continued to state that "the licensed contractors were not protecting their license and allowing unlicensed individuals to steal work from them. If they don't care to protect their business, why should anyone else care. The 'repair business' must be profitable, since so many unlicensed contractors were getting in through this back door. Repair work is protected under the scope of the Specialty Contractor license."

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to bring before the board.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business brought before the board.

ADJOURN – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Gillmore
Secretary

Wanda Classe
Administrator