

ALUMINUM ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC.

August 15, 2015  
Sandcastle Resort  
Sarasota, FL

President Dowd called the meeting to order at 9:10 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

**SOUTHWEST:** John Meyer II, Nate Yoder

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

**MID FLORIDA:** Richard Gillmore, David Johns, Chip Miller, Richard Eden

**SUNCOAST:** Gary Hartshorn, Steve Green, Randy Bahr, Dennis Loughren

**NATURE'S COAST:** Kevin Sciglia

**NORTHEAST:** Jeff Briar

**UMDA:** Gary Howard, Don Leggett, Scott Myers, James Monaco, Shawn Brown, Lisa Beneduci, Bruce Peak, Harold Ortiz, Frank Patierno (Voting Members will be Gary Howard, Don Leggett and Scott Myers)

**PROFESSIONAL (nonvoting):** Eric Bahr, Keith Burnett

**GUESTS:** Joe Belcher, Blake Miller, Suzanne Bahr, Sheryl Moore, Alton Keel, Marco Salerno, Jason Monoco, Arthur James, Nevin Ashe, Misty Terhost, Timothy Hancock, Cino Wiedemann, John Meyer, III

Wanda Classe attended as staff. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES** – President Dowd asked for additions or changes to the May 30, 2015 minutes, stating that the minutes had been emailed to all members. David Johns made a motion to approve the minutes.

Gary Hartshorn seconded the motion; approved.

**FINANCIAL** – Treasurer David Johns distributed a Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual as of July 31, 2015. He explained each line item and if it was under or over budget. The July 30, 2015 ending balance was \$56,752.63 an actual loss of \$5,487.62 for the period of January-July 2015. John Meyer II made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Richard Eden seconded the motion; approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President Dowd thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked John Meyer and Town & Country for the hospitality suite refreshments. He thanked Aluminum Specialties/Unique Technologies for sponsoring the "Meet & Greet" that was held poolside.

He reported that a former member was found guilty of fraud in 285 situations in Palm Beach County and many more in surrounding counties. This person was altering AAF's Guide. Palm Beach County has stated that they will give certain concessions to the contractors who work on these projects. Keith Burnett stated that Suncoast Engineering would also work with the contractors working on these projects.

President Dowd reported that the Florida Building Commission met yesterday in St. Petersburg. An item on the agenda was a DEK statement regarding the scope of the specialty license. He thanked the many AAF members who attended to show their support against the statement. He continued to report that prior to the agenda item coming up that AAF and the Roofing Association had worked out an agreement that both associations were pleased with. In the end, the Commission declined to address the item.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Golf/Meetings:** In the absence of Chair Mike Moberley, Shawn Brown gave an update stating that sponsorship appears to be up approximately 35% ahead of last year. He again stated that golf has been scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2015 at Shingle Creek Golf Course at 12 noon. He encouraged everyone to complete a registration form at today's meeting and receive two free mulligans. The following chapters committed to sponsor a hole at the tournament: Treasure Coast, Southwest, Suncoast and Northeast. David Johns stated that Mid Florida would be sponsoring the Hospitality Suite for the weekend.

Wanda Classe stated that the next board meeting would be held at Shingle Creek on Saturday after the golf tournament. She is in the process of securing Melbourne Crowne Plaza for the January 2016 location. There was discussion regarding the May meeting location and Wanda will check with River Ranch. She also

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asked for a show of hands of those who would like to return to the Sandcastle next year. A majority of hands were in favor of returning to this location.

**Hospitality** - Kevin Sciglia thanked the Southwest Chapter and Town & Country for sponsoring the Hospitality Suite for the weekend. He announced a group dinner for the evening and 13 hands were raised to attend.

**Technical** – John Meyer is now serving as Technical Chairman.

Gary Hartshorn stated that the Tampa area has had exceptional rainfall recently. During one of these storms a tree landed on a pool cage that his company had installed and some of the cage landed in the salt water pool. He showed pictures of the damage/corrosion done to the metal after only a few days in the pool. He stated that he has contacted the University of Florida and no one seems to be able to determine why this happened. There was also a discussion that some people thought some of the corrosion was due to the type of pavers being used.

This report led to a discussion regarding proper metal size and thickness. Some contractors reported receiving shipments that were not to code. Everyone was encouraged to check their invoice with the metal received and to check the metal itself. The required thickness is stated in the Aluminum Guide. At the topic of the Guide, Chip Miller stated that he would like to see an Engineer go page by page of the Guide to simplify and update it. He made a motion to approach FBC Plans and Engineering to give AAF a proposal of cost to update/simplify the Guide. Rick Eden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of eleven to five. FBC Plans and Engineering declined stating that the liability was too great for one professional. There was discussion regarding the Guide and how it was going to be handled in the future. The next code change will be December 2017. David Johns made a motion to continue to submit the Guide with each change until it is rejected or the pleasure of the board not to submit. Gary Hartshorn seconded the motion; passed with no votes against. Joe Belcher stated that he has the file and will update prior to submitting.

Chip Miller again brought up the wind tunnel testing and what was being done with the results. Joe Belcher stated that all the results from the boundary layer wind tunnel testing are in the and the conclusion is that the testing validated the pressures currently contained in the code and no code changes are justified.

**Bylaws:** Copies of the proposed bylaw changes were distributed. Gary Hartshorn stated that the proposed changes were submitted to the general membership according to the bylaws. The main purpose of the changes is to make them not gender specific. David Johns made a motion to accept the changes as presented. Don Leggett seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

**Unlicensed Activity:** Richard Gillmore stated that he would like to see the ‘scope of work’ language for Specialty Contractor License to include rescreening. Joe Belcher stated that CILB would have to reopen the rule for this to happen. Gary Hartshorn made a motion to request opening the rule and adding rescreening to the scope of the Specialty Contractor. John Meyer seconded the motion; approved

Keith Burnett reported that he has been seeing unlicensed people having homeowners to pull the permits. He stated that this should be reported to the police.

**Membership:** Chair Don Leggett distributed handouts titled “Our SWOT Preliminary Analysis is as follows:” SWOT stands for Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats. He had bullet points beneath each heading and the group discussed each item. The Action Steps at the end included improving the website, having different members in charge of social media sites and the final Goal Plan was to have all of the chapters double their membership numbers by the end of 2016.

Suncoast Chapter has been bringing in building officials and that seems to be helping with getting more people to attend.

**Publication:** Chair Don Leggett stated that he had received comments saying that the last newsletter was the best edition in a long time. He reminded members that articles are always needed in order to have a good publication.

**Website:** Chip Miller made the comment that the website is boring and made a recommendation to update it to 2015 with pictures, interviews and forums. There were several ideas brought up and Jeff Briar will help with a blog. It was stated that each chapter should have their meeting information on the website. It is also brought out that the strength of AAF is in the local chapters working up, not the state working down, encouraging chapters to meet locally and often. Keith Burnett stated that he has a state-wide list of contractors that he will give to Don Leggett for distribution.

Other points made at this time regarding membership and website:

1. AAF should be defined as to what it stands for and what it does
2. How engineering defines membership
3. John Meyer asked the board to reconsider territory scope of the chapters
4. Chip Miller stated that a new chapter should be able to get started with two members.
5. What value does UMDA get from members
6. AAF should have a vision statement defining its direction.

**LUNCH** – The meeting was convened for lunch at 11:50 AM and reconvened at 1:10 PM.

**Windows** – Scott Meyers stated that there is a lot of confusion regarding the new energy code, especially with residential. Municipalities and individuals are fighting over the 30% rules. He suggested that you get written approval from your municipality prior to purchasing your windows. There will be further clarification from DEC but not as of now. The code is also not clear on commercial buildings four stories or over. Fish and wide life representatives are asking to enforce Turtle Code.

**Code Consultant** – Joe Belcher stated that everything in the building code has to be resubmitted by 1-1-16 deadline. He will submit what AAF currently has in the code so if there is something that needs to be changed, he needs to know as soon as possible.

The issue of the Hernando County single family roof-over was again brought up. It was reiterated that FRSA does not want to get involved with mobile home roof-overs. Joe Belcher stated that the Florida Building Code has no jurisdiction on mobile home as defined by HUD and the Department of Transportation. However, they do have jurisdiction on accessory structures attached to manufactured housing and possibly renovations.

He presented a draft to the Specialty Structure License which rescreening has been added.

**UMDA** – President Dowd stated that the UMDA members should meet and assign a chairman, three designated voters at the board meetings and three alternate voters.

**Table Tops** – Chip Miller stated that 11 vendors have committed to showing. There will be a total of 15 booths. The cost to members is \$400 and non members is \$500. The table top displays will be open on Saturday morning of the board meeting. The board meeting will take a long break so everyone can enjoy the exhibits. The board meeting will reconvene and finish its business. After the business meeting is finished, Construction Contest Awards will be given out. After the awards the give-away of money will take place. Half of the money collected from the table tops will be given away. Tickets for the give-away will be given for participation of the weekend's activity.

Suggestions were made to not consider a large convention until membership reached at least 300.

**2016 Committee Chairs** – The following will be committees and chairs for 2016

Membership – Jeff Briar

Publications – Don Leggett

Golf – Shawn Brown

Hospitality – Kevin Sciglia

Technical – John Meyer

Unlicensed Activity – Dennis Loughran and Gary Hartshorn

Bylaws – Gary Hartshorn

Windows – Scott Meyers

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Construction Contest – David Johns  
Ethics – Richard Moore and Gary Hartshorn

NEW BUSINESS – Goals for the rest of 2015 and 2016 will be:

1. Consumer Awareness
2. Written Goals
3. Vision Statement
4. Action Steps to be Taken
5. Possible job fairs at UMDA location

ADJOURN – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved

Wanda Classe  
Administrator

Richard Gillmore  
Secretary