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Aluminum Association of Florida, Inc,

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

February 18, 2023,

Rosen Plaza Orlando

1. Call to Order - 9 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
3. Roll Call - Member and Guest Introduction
4. Approval of November 19, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
  - A. **MOTION:** Meyer/Brown to approve as amended – Approved as Amended.
5. Treasurer's Report: Dennis Loughren
  - A. Davenport gave the report.
  - B. **MOTION:** Bailey/Meyer to approve – Approved.
6. President's Report Randy Davenport
7. Committee Reports
  - A. Golf Shawn Brown
    - Brown reported that the net income of the 2022 tournament was assisted by the expenses carried over from the rained-out 2021 tournament.
    - Brown reported the 2023 tournament would be back in Orlando. The centralized location seems to draw greater participation.
    - Brown asked the group to think about the goal of the annual golf tournament:
      - Fundraiser?
      - Drive membership?
      - Provide service?
      - Improve friendship and socialization among members?
    - Brown stated there he heard from various members concerning a golf game in conjunction with the quarterly meetings of the BOD.
      - There was a consensus this was a good idea.
      - Brown said he would arrange a golf game for the Safety Harbour meeting in May.
      - Meyer suggested getting a UMDA member involved.
  - B. Code Specialist Joe Belcher
    - Belcher reported the FBC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) is in the final stages of completion. The Commission will hold a Rule Development Workshop in March and a Final Rule Hearing in June.
      - The FBC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) will be implemented at Midnight on December 31, 2023.
    - Belcher reported bills were introduced in the House and Senate to fix some of the problems of HB 735, which eliminates local contractor licensing.
      - Belcher stated he was trying to get a coalition together to hire a lobbyist to get provisions to help the industry into the bills.
      - The cost of the lobbyist is \$30-\$40K.
      - Belcher stated he was working with Greg Miller to try and raise the money.

- Miller was placed in charge of the project.
  - The lobbyist will be permitted to register as representing the Aluminum Association of Florida.
  - **MOTION:** Meyer/Loughren to approve an expenditure of \$5000.00 toward hiring Kari Hebrank of Carlton Fields and allow the lobbyist to register as representing AAF – Approved 5-1.
- Belcher also reported on other bills being introduced that would specify the time a jurisdiction has to issue a permit after a completed application has been submitted and limit the new requirements that can be added after the permit has been issued, e.g., at the final inspection.
- C. Hospitality Tommy Stearns
- Stearns reported all went well with the hospitality suite.
- D. Meeting Locations
- \*May 20, 2023 - Safety Harbor Resort
  - \*August 19, 2023 - The Shores Resort & Spa (Daytona Beach Shores)
  - \*November – TBA Date dependent on the golf tournament
- E. Membership:
- Davenport commented on the benefits of membership and asked members to reach out to non-members.
- F. Technical and Professional Engineering / Education Eric Bahr
- Bahr reported on various things occurring in the field:
    - With the many jobs available and long lead times for contractors, more “weekend warriors” are being seen in the field.
      - Many may be unlicensed.
      - Some are employees of other companies taking on private jobs on the weekends.
    - Members were encouraged to report unlicensed activities to the appropriate jurisdiction or agency.
8. Other Business
- A. New Committee Chairs for Ethics, Membership, Nominating, and UMDA:
- Ethics – John Meyer
  - Membership – John Nowokunski
  - UMDA – Shawn Brown
  - Golf – Ginina Ludwig
  - Nominating – Engineering Committee (Eric Bahr, Al Bailey, and Gus Tarnowski), Joe Belcher, and Dennis Loughren.
- B. Logo Use:
- Davenport stated the illegal use of the AAF logo by non-members is increasing.
  - The group was asked to report the illegal use of the AAF logo to AAF.
  - AAF will send a cease and desist letter to the offender offering the opportunity to join the organization as an alternative to AAF taking legal action.
- C. Loughren:
- Loughren reported on an arrangement he helped broker with Hillsboro County that will allow revisions to a screen enclosure job that has been permitted that does not alter the footprint of the enclosure to be approved by the inspector on-site. The arrangement would allow for avoiding the plan review fee for some revisions. Fees in Hillsboro County have recently increased considerably.
- D. Referral Fees:
- A member asked for guidance on the legality of referral fees.
9. Adjourn **MOTION:** Meyer/Bailey to adjourn – Approved.