

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES - 7:00 p.m., March 22nd, 2011

(Notes by Charlie Helland)

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE: The meeting was called to order by President Eric Skott. While 25 people were in attendance at tonight's meeting, only the following 21 signed the attendance sheet: Charles Helland, Mark Reshius, Gordy Bertsch, Nathaniel Rhoades, Lisa DiRose, Matt Moyer, Jim Senske, Rob Veflin, Ron Seefeldt, Trent Theye, Eric Beutler, Bill Ramynke, Doug Jerke, Tony Kneeland, Pam Williams, Frank Krause, Bruce Rieffenberger, Eric Skott, Dennis Arnold, Patti Lien and Dion Dockter.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was given by Finance Officer Patti Lien.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Report: Eric gave an update on the Executive Board Meeting, held just prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting. 10 were in attendance for that meeting including Mark Reshius, Eric Skott, Frank Krause, Patti Lien, Dion Dockter, Nathaniel Rhoades, Gordy Bertsch, Charlie Helland, Dennis Arnold, and Jim Senske. The topic of this report was an update on the search for a new Executive Officer for the WAHBA. It was reported that 24 applications for that position had been received by meeting time. Of those 24 applicants, 4 were chosen for preliminary interviews to be held on Thursday, March 31st. It was added that more of those 24 applicants may be reviewed and also added to the preliminary interview list. (4 additional applications have been received since the Tuesday meeting)

Project Play House Report: Frank Krause gave a report on the WAHBA's contribution to the Women's Resource Center fundraising auction. He reported that the playhouse is located outside the Dunham's entrance on the north side of the Watertown Mall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Home Show Participant Thank You: Charles Helland reported that the vendor thank you/surveys were sent out to everyone that had an exhibit at the 2011 Watertown Home Show. As of Saturday, March 26th, 12 have been returned.

Legislative Committee Report: Dennis Arnold gave a report on his trip to Washington D.C. last week, and his visit with our three congressional representatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Auction Committee Report: Charles Helland was asked, and agreed, to chair the WAHBA Auction Committee. He reported that the Auction is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. The following members volunteered to be on the Auction Committee. Frank Krause, Dennis Arnold, Eric Scott, Duane York, and Pam Williams. Charlie reported that one location option for the auction fell through, as the property was recently sold. He has since been contacted by a WAHBA member that is the property owner of a location on Hwy. 212, that has been offered as an option, provided a potential tenant doesn't want to take possession of the building prior to the date of the auction.

State Meeting Attendee Report: Dennis Arnold indicated that it is imperative that we determine who will be attending the SDHBA State Board Meeting in Pierre on April 14th & 15th so that we can make the necessary travel and lodging arrangements and send our attendance roster to the SDHBA office. The following is the tentative list of those who will be attending the meeting: Dennis Arnold, Tony Kneeland, Nathaniel Rhoades, Mark Reshius, Ron Seefeldt, Frank Krause, Eric Skott and Gordy Bertsch .

Forklift Training Class Report: It was confirmed that Vince Webber of Sioux Falls will be presenting a Forklift Certification Class for the WAHBA at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21st. It was pointed that the certification for be good for 3 years. A motion was made and approved that the cost for this class would be \$50 for WAHBA members and \$100 for non-members.

EPA Lead Paint Removal/Containment Certification Class: A point was made to keep monitoring the need for another training class in this area and to set a date for another class, as the sign-up sheet approaches the cut-off number of 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** Frank Krause gave an update on the condition of the lady who developed a health issue at the Watertown Home Show. He added that he presented her some flowers when he visited her at the hospital. He said she is recovering very well.
- B.** Frank reported the availability of a new supply of polo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and caps, with an embroidered WAHBA logo. The size, style and color of the shirts that are available are posted on the 'Buy, Sell & Swap' page of the WAHBA website.
- C.** Frank announced that the WAHBA business office has been re-done with used cabinets and countertops donated by a local lumber yard. This greatly increases the amount of storage we have.
- D.** Charles Helland reported that Marvin Waldner stopped in to measure for new 15" deep storage cabinets that will go in the rear hall, just outside of the business office. Marvin, Assistant Manager of Dakotaland Woodwork and Cabinets, is a relatively new member and had indicated that he wanted to make this their contribution to the Wahba, as many of our other members have done in other areas to set up the new office/meeting facility. Marvin said he would have preliminary drawings for us to review and approve in the next couple of weeks.
- E.** Charles Helland reported of the availability of booth spaces at the Toronto Farm & Home Show on Saturday, March 26th. He indicated that he had reserved a booth space and that he would set up the WAHBA banner and business cardholder along with the presentations for Computerized Architectural Drafting and Enercept.
- F.** Eric gave an update on the member renewals for the month of March and the following new members to the WAHBA: Jay & Ardela Galvin, - AJ Treasure Hunt, Dan Hinsch - Hinsch Painting, Josh & Marty Stroschein - Stro's Landscaping & Service, Terry O'neill - O'Neill's Drywall, and Sam Quinn - Codington Clark Equipment.
- G.** Tony Kneeland announced that he has set up an April 3rd fund-raising raffle to benefit this mother, Dianne Neilsen, who is afflicted with 3rd stage cancer.

PROGRAM: Thomas J. Curran, Operations Project Manager with the U.S. Corps of Engineers, gave a 15 minute presentation on their flood control measures in the area.

DRAWING FOR SWEATSHIRT:

ADJOURNMENT: