



Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals
Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2009
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Sonora Brewhouse
322 E. Camelback Rd.
Phoenix, AZ

Attendees: Joe Pinto, Jon Nelson, Nancy Favour, Mark Turner, Mike Dawson, Ralph Ellis, Valarie Swick, Reagan Ball, Crystal Gerrity, Laura Lewis, Mark Larson, Beth Defend, Leigh Waite, DeAnne Rietz, Diana Stuart, Kevin Grove, Steve Scheufler, Rich Glinski.

1. **Call-to-Order** – Joe
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM
2. **Introduction of Members-** All
 - i. Members and guests are requested to introduce themselves to the group.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – November minutes are attached to back of agenda.
 - a. Motion to Approve: Mike Dawson
 - b. Second: Mark Turner
 - c. The minutes from November 18, 2008 were approved by voice vote, No Nays or abstentions
4. **Treasurer Report** – Mike Z
 - i. General Fund= \$6,635.10
 - ii. MMF= \$2555.76
 - iii. Mike has paid all of the 2008 the scholarship recipients and transferred that amount from the MM Fund back into the general fund.
5. **Speaker; Rich Glinski: Park Supervisor. Desert Outdoor Center at lake Pleasant. Topic: Be Outdoors Arizona: Connecting our Kids to their Natural Environment**
6. **NAEP National Conference 2009 - Phoenix**

AZAEP is requesting members and volunteers to contact the chairpersons to assist on these various committees and tasks.

 - a. **Volunteers-** Chair- Ralph Ellis: If you are interested in being a volunteer at the conference please contact Ralph at rellis@swca.com.
 - b. **Sponsors and Exhibitors-** Co-Chairs Mike Dawson and Greg Wold. If your company is interested in sponsorship or exhibiting at the NAEP conference please contact Mike Dawson at mdawson@ecoplanaz.com or Greg Wold at gwold@aztec.us.
 - i. There is still time for your company to sign up for sponsorship or exhibition space for the NAEP 2009 National Conference. During the last month Logan Simpson Design, AMEC and Mantec SRS have signed up for sponsorships. We are still about \$40,000 short of our goal so Mike and Greg will be contacting potential sponsors and exhibitors again.

- c. **A/V-** Chair-Jon Nelson: If your company is willing to provide a laptop computer and a projector for use at the conference please contact Jon Nelson at jrnelson@oaconsulting.com.
 - i. There were over 130 abstracts submitted for the conference. The NAEP Conference committee has decided to add a 5th track to the program. That means that right now we are two laptops and projectors short. If your company can spare a laptop and projector for a few days in May, 2009 please contact Jon Nelson
 - ii. Conference Tours: Co-Chairs-Valarie Swick and Diana Stuart: The tours are set but there is still a need for volunteers to both speak on topics of local interest or the natural environment during the tours and also provide logistical support. Speaker(s) are needed to provide general interest information about the specific tour i.e. For the Grand Canyon tour if anyone could discuss (in general terms) the Geology of Arizona that the bus will be passing through from Phoenix to Sedona and on to the Grand Canyon or maybe provide some natural or Arizona history for the areas, your help would be greatly appreciated.
 - iii. They also need assistance with the logistics of the tour such as making sure everyone is on the bus, received their lunch, passing out refreshments and general logistical support.
 - iv. Volunteers would go on the tour(s) for free and it would be a great opportunity to network with the conference attendees on the tour and talk about our wonderful state.
- d. Joe has copies of the Advance Program for the conference that he passed out to the attendees. Copies are also available on the NAEP web site at www.naep.org. The conference has added a fifth keynote speaker.
- e. Early registration is occurring now and if anyone signs up before March 1, 2009 they receive a discount. Government employees also receive an additional \$100 discount if they sign up to attend the full conference. After March 1 to April 10 the price goes up by \$50 and after April 10 there are no discounts available SO SIGN UP EARLY!!!

7. Other Business – All

- a. **Scholarship Committee-** Nancy Favour: Scholarships are due on February 21, Applications and instruction are on the web site. Scholarships applications are being received at the AZAEP PO Box and are being forwarded to the committee. If you know a college student either graduate of undergraduate at any accredited university contact them and let them know to apply for the scholarship
- b. **Newsletter-** Mark Turner- The first AZAEP newsletter is almost ready to release. Currently it is being Q/C'd before release. Mark anticipates sending it out within a few days. Initially AZAEP will distribute the newsletter via email to our members and Jon will have it posted to the web site under "Articles of Interest".
 - i. If you are interested in being the editor or have articles of interest for submittal please contact Mark Turner at mark.turner@kimley-horn.com.
- c. **Fundraising events:** Mark Turner-
 - i. AZAEP is hosting a NIGHT at the COYOTES on January 27, 2009 @ 7PM. Tickets are \$45.00 ea for lower level seating and include a hotdog and a drink. This is normally a \$70 value. Tickets are limited so make your reservations today by contacting Mark, mark.turner@kimley-horn.com

1. Spring Baseball- Mark is currently looking at the Cactus League season to find a spring training game for members of AZAEP to attend. By a show of hands members in attendance indicated that they preferred attending a weekend game vs. a weekday game.
 - d. **Web Site-** Jon Nelson: [http:// www.azaep.org](http://www.azaep.org).
 - i. Jon and Dave Beckett are progressing in getting PayPal set up on the web site. Jon stated that in the very near future you will be able to pay for meetings, join or renew your membership, pay for job postings and fund raising events and hopefully join and pay for an NAEP membership on line.
 - ii. Also there have been several new job listings in the last couple of weeks posted to the web site. You can find them on www.azaep.org/joblisting.html
 - e. **Speaker Coordinator:** AZAEP is looking for a Volunteer(s) to be the Speaker coordinator for the monthly meetings. If you are interested in taking the lead for this important duty please contact Joe Pinto, Nancy Favour or any board member. All of their email addresses are listed on the web site under Board Members.
 - f. **Election Committee-** Although elections are not until May AZAEP needs to form the committee by the February meeting. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Joe Pinto joepinto@mail.maricopa.gov. Also anyone interested in submitting their nomination for any of the officer or board positions should submit a brief bio. If you would like to request a position description for the officers of board member positions contact Jon Nelson jrnelson@oaconsulting.com.
- 8. Announcements -**
- i. The Arizona Riparian Council is holding their January 29 meeting in Tucson at the El Parador Restaurant on Broadway. There will be carpooling opportunities so anyone interested in attending should contact Diana Stuart dms@mail.maricopa.gov.
- 9. Next Meeting - February 10. Sonora Brewhouse, 6 PM, Speaker- Karen Apple-COP.** Topic to be announced
- 10. Adjourn – 8:05 PM**