



## CONNECTICUT GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

CHUCK'S STEAKHOUSE ROCKY HILL, CT

2/3/15

#### I ROLL CALL

Mark Henderson	Janice Wilhelm	Rich Vocke
Tony Silverio	Bob Polmatier	Jim Sansoucy
Bill Seguin	Dave Cocoran	Rick King
John Sima	Rob Sima	David Shenker
Ray Sima	Phil Robert	Ryan Martin
Guy Wanegar	Joe Dilk	Scot Rogers

#### II OFFICER REPORTS:

A. **PRESIDENT:** John Sima spoke of the North Central Ct. Chamber of Commerce event in Enfield on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. He also went over the ASHRAE event at the University of Hartford March 10<sup>th</sup> as well as the CHCC event March 17<sup>th</sup>. These discussions are in more detail under New Business.

B. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Rick spoke with Madeline Priest from CEFIA and they will have the pamphlet finalized by Feb.6<sup>th</sup>.

Rick also discussed his ideas over the websites appearance and how we can improve it. The committee did meet briefly prior to the meeting and decided the best approach would be a simple drop down box which would include all active members. A committee meeting will attempt to meet this month to finalize this proposal.

C. **SECRETARY:** Shirts were made and distributed to all the attending members. Report can be viewed on website.

D. **TREASURER:** Ray Sima paid \$648 for booth space to John for the North Central Ct. Chamber of Commerce Expo on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Also paid Ct. Advertising \$867.82 for CTGEO dress shirts. That leaves a balance of: **\$10500**



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Ray also announced in order for us to keep our non-profit status, we would need to donate all of our proceeds to a charity of our choice in the event of the association folding. This would need to be added to the by-laws.

Finally, Ray made us aware of insurance bills coming due.

### III COMMITTEE HEADS:

Pete Tavino spoke briefly in regard to the Habitat for Humanity project. He said it was going well and they are in the process of making a slide show presentation of the entire project. He also announced they are about 2 months out before start-up.

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### IV NEW BUSINESS

We voted on Ct. Children's Hospital to be our choice of charity donation of our proceeds if the Association ceases to operate. John will make an amendment to the by-laws for the next meeting.

Guy wanted to get a feeling on our annual workshop. We discussed moving it to the Galleria next September in Glastonbury, Ct. We would set it up the same way we did the first expo. We will include speakers and fusion certification as well.

Jenn Jennings has offered to let us help maintain the CHCC booth at the Aquaturf Expo they are holding on March 3. Admission is free, and she said we are welcome to bring our brochures (which should be available by then) and hand them out at this event.

NY GEO has created a Geopalooza event March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. People will be carpooling to this event if interested.

USDA Rural Development Co-Operatives and Business program is having a webinar February 6<sup>th</sup>. Officially there are incentives for geothermal from the USDA. You can check for more details at [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov). Access their "SEARCH" tool by typing geothermal in the search box.



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### VI OLD BUSINESS

The North Central Chamber of Commerce Home and Product Show 2015 will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We have secured a table at this event and sent around a sign-up sheet for people to work the table. Dave Coccoran has donated a CTGEO banner and is having an 8" wide post up banner made for the association as well.

Mark Henderson had shirts made up for our active members to wear at these expos and events. The new logo was used and looks great!

Jim Sansoucy and John Sima joined Marin Orio in writing letters to the MA DOER, asking the agency to promote geothermal heat pumps. This agency has repeatedly told our industry they would support Geo, but their people actually actively discourage homeowners from purchasing geothermal systems.

The University of Harford meeting will not replace our general meeting next month. It will be in addition to our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. 10 people made themselves available for this event which will be on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm at the Harford Gray Conference Center.

### VIII ROUND TABLE

Guy gave a detailed slide presentation on the software he uses to size systems along with cost comparisons and annual fees. People discussed other software available and the pros and cons of them all.

### VII ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:** Mark Henderson