



CONNECTICUT GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

CHUCK'S STEAKHOUSE ROCKY HILL, CT

4/7/15

I ROLL CALL

Mark Henderson

Janice Wilhelm

Guy Wanegar

David Ragaini

Dave Brown

Jim Sansoucy

Ray Sima

Dave Cocoran

Rob Sima

John Sima

Phil Robert

Pete Tavino

Michael Reed

Scot Rogers

II OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. PRESIDENT:** John thanked the University of Hartford for having us attend their workshop. There was a nice flow to the conversation with the students that evening. Many good questions were asked. They sent a thank you letter in response to our attendance, as well.

NY Geopalooza was a good event minus the expense. Not much else was said about the event.

We talked about attending the Contrators Day at the Capitol. There wasn't anything on the legislative agenda for geo this year, but John, Guy, and John Sima IV attended and made their presence known to at least 2 legislators.

Bill Seguin and Janice Wilhelm manned the booth at the CT Green Buildings Council on March 19th.

- B. VICE PRESIDENT:**

Wasn't present.

- C. SECRETARY: See Website**

- D. TREASURER:** One insurance bill was paid for \$800. The dinner in Hartford last month wasn't adding up so the numbers weren't presentable as of yet. This leaves a balance of \$10,295.45.



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III NEW BUSINESS

It was proposed that we are allowed to give our business cards out at shows. This was voted on and passed with at majority vote.

We talked of a possible home show circuit that we would help sponsor in lieu of attending all the shows with no attendance.

We have an invitation to provide a program at the Smart Living Center for energize CT. Volunteers will be needed.

The annual workshop was discussed for September or November at the Gallery in Glastonbury. We are leaning towards September. We are in need of speakers.

April 22nd will be Earth Day at Pratt and Whitney. Rick King set up a table for us to attend.

NECEC sent us an invitation to join the New England Clean Energy Council for \$400/year. It was tabled for next meeting.

IV SPEAKER

Dave Brown from the US Department of Agriculture came in to speak to us about grant monies available to small businesses in rural communities. These programs give incentives for geothermal installs. The grant programs are up to \$500K and seeing that geothermal is an under represented energy, there are presently more grants awarded to these installs. The eligible applicants are agricultural producers (livestock/crops) and rural small businesses.

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V ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Mark Henderson