



CONNECTICUT GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

CHUCK'S STEAKHOUSE ROCKY HILL, CT

11/2/14

I ROLL CALL

Rick King Energy
Jim Sansoucy
Earl Semmelrock
Ben Healey
Scot Rogers
Bob Polmatier
Tony Silverio
Shirley Mostowy

Robert Sima
John Sima
Paul LaFranboise
Madeline Priest
Janice Wilhelm
Dave Ragaini
Phil Robert

Guy Wanegar
Ray Sima
David Corcoran
Selina Moriarty
Michael Allen
Mark Henderson
Ericka Winstead

II OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. **PRESIDENT:** John addressed the Energy Efficiency Board after the What's The Deal expo. He mentioned the favorable report that Geo received from the NMR study, and also cited the dramatic reduction in CO2 emissions with Geo systems. He also asked to look into larger incentives for geothermal customers.
- B. **VICE PRESIDENT:** Rick would like to get more value out of the group to appeal to other dealers and contractors. He did a lot of this discussion through the website committee which he is heading.
- C. **SECRETARY:** On the website
- D. **TREASURER:** Our balance is \$12,166.31. 2 members paid their dues (JP Mechanical and Silverio Mechanical).

III COMMITTEE HEADS:

Ray Sima put together Ct Geo signs that we are giving to all our members to use at job sites.

Jim Sansoucy had the final edition of the new logo and banner .



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Pete Tavino – Habitat project is nearly done. Awaiting the arrival of the water heater from Blake and Bob at Stafford Mechanical installed the flow center.

Rick King Energy – Website: There was a lot of talk about the direction of the website. Rick's committee met at Silverio Mechanical and came up with a form that all members will fill out for the website. The committee will meet again in November to attempt to come up with a design to improve the site in general.

IV NEW BUSINESS

John would like to start presenting a small gift to the monthly speakers. Some felt that buying them dinner was gift enough, and them having the opportunity to speak in front of our group is to their advantage. This was tabled for the next meeting.

Energize CT gave us an open invitation to provide a program at the Smart Living Center.

VI OLD BUSINESS

Ct. ASHRAE welcomed our group on October 9th and was well received.

Baltimore IGSHPA event was held last month and generated a lot of good ideas through their round table discussions. They have managed to help electric companies see that GEO systems reduce their summer peak loads, while helping them to sell more electricity during the winter.

The revised edition of the constitution is now posted on the website.



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VII General Meeting

Ben Healey from Ct Green Bank made a presentation about low interest unsecured financing options for geothermal heat pumps. They're utilizing the Smart E program for residential projects with loans available up to \$45K. The loan is available for any project that creates clean energy and saves the customer energy cost. There are over 40 home improvements that would qualify for this loan. The personal loan requires no down payments and no dealer fees. The dealer will receive 1/3 of the loan up front and can apply on-line after becoming a certified dealer under this program. Approval can happen as quickly as 24 hours with no lien attached to the loan.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Mark Henderson