

Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials
Cattlemens Steakhouse
5012 Petaluma Boulevard North
Petaluma

1. Call to Order

President DeWayne Starnes (County Of Sonoma) called the meeting to order at 12:10 at the Cattlemens Steakhouse, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Starnes welcomed the members and announced that the meeting would be adjourned in the memory of Treasurer Cliff Kendall (City of Petaluma) and also asked the group to observe a moment of silence in his honor. President Starnes also noted that ICC Board Member John LaTorra (City of Redwood City) had sent a card with his condolences. The 31 attending members and guests made self introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

President Starnes requested comments and/or approval of the September 2, 2008, meeting minutes. Motion made, seconded and approved to approve the minutes as prepared by Secretary Glenn Schainblatt (City of Sebastopol).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer** Vice President Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) reported that the general fund balance was \$10,941.29, the certificate of deposit balance was \$12,608.32, for a total of \$23,549.61.
- b. Secretary** No report
- c. Vice President** No report
- d. President** No report
- e. Executive Committee** No report
- f. Audit Committee** No report
- g. Education Committee** No report
- h. Common Code Committee** No report

Doug Williams, (Rincon Valley Fire) reported on the ICC Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Of special note for California was the re-election of John LaTorra to the ICC Board of Directors. It was also noted that the vote to amend the IRC with a residential sprinkler requirement was successful.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

It was noted that most items of correspondence were related to typically recurring requests for donations.

President Starnes announced that a fund had been established in the memory of Cliff Kendall. Immediate Past President Mike Enright (City of Santa Rosa) made a motion that was seconded and approved to make a \$500.00 donation to the fund.

6. Legislative News

It was reported that the passage of AB 2335 will require additional declarations on building permit applications related to owner/builder verification. The new wording requirement will be effective on July 1, 2009.

7. Code Issues

A discussion of residential day care parameters was initiated by the City of Santa Rosa. Areas of question included the interpretation of owner-occupied, the limitation on who can be employed, the distinctions between Group R and Group I, and accessibility requirements associated with Group I. No absolute answers were determined.

It was noted that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has new fireplace requirements that will be effective on January 1, 2009.

Chris Warrick (Mendocino County) asked for feedback on some gray water questions. Some of the systems that are commercially available were discussed. There were many concerns about the ability to properly maintain the systems in a matter that meets the "clean and sanitary" requirement. There was also discussion about the needs to identify non-potable water locations and the ability to use potable water as a back-up.

8. Education

It was noted that a class for performing nonstructural plan reviews in the 2007 CBC was being offered in Petaluma on October 27 and 28.

Larry Jones (City of Santa Rosa) reported that the CALBO training during the previous week contained some good classes.

9. Old Business

Doug Williams reported that President Starnes attended the September meeting of the Northern Division of the Fire Prevention Officers Section of the California

Fire Chiefs Association held in Petaluma. The donation approved by the REACO membership to the Charlie Gray Fund was presented at that time and was greatly appreciated. The Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers presented a matching donation.

10. Presentation

Penny Shaver, the Water Safety Consultant and Educational Program Director of Vac-Alert of California, presented a program on swimming pool drain safety. Those assisting Penny included Rich Johnson and Mike Russell. The discussion included information about the "Pool Safety Consortium" and Section 3109 of the California Building Code.

11. New Business

President Starnes appointed past presidents Mike Enright and Doug Williams to the nominating committee. Those interested in serving on the REACO board were directed to contact one of the nominating committee members.

Next REACO meeting is November 4, 2008, at Cattlemens Steakhouse.

Steve Jensen (City of Napa) reported on the Building Standards Commission. The effective dates for new energy regulations and DSA requirements were discussed.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm in honor of the memory of Cliff Kendall.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Williams (on behalf of Glenn Schainblatt)