

NDA Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2011

Attendance:

Peggy McGee, Larry Gibel, Jim Howe, Jay Boland, Tim Cleary, Rob Caho, Dave Neibert, Len Rexrode, Warren McCann, Frank Vilella, Dennis Duty, Marcie Price and Jackie Symons

Absent:

Tim Augustine, Dan Dunn, Mike Tiani

Peggy McGee called the committee meeting to order at 7:42AM EST

Minutes:

A motion to approve the December 2010 minutes was made by Len Rexrode and seconded by Frank Vilella. Motion Approved.

Financials

Jim Howe reported that 2011 has started out very well. The P&L Previous Year Comparison report shows gains in income from membership and promo item sales and expenses are running basically dollar for dollar compared to last year.

J&M reported that the \$512.84 expense under Account #6270, gages, was the Tube Technologies gage order.

ACTION ITEM: J & M to send out another Gage recertification notice to manufacturer members.

Administration Report

Marcie Price reported that membership is down. We had approximately 186 members in 2010 and as of this meeting the membership is 163. Our newest members are ET Manufacturing in Hamilton, NJ and Virginia Core Drilling in Vansant, VA.

ACTION ITEM: J&M will e-mail an on-line survey to nonrenewals as to why they are not renewing:
_____Cost _____Economy _____Value

Marcie reported that she recently cleaned up the database and NDA currently has 9448 in the Database. This is the list we use to send *Drill Bits* to as well as to invite to our convention and SSI.

Products Sales are down slightly since the last report in December. NDA has sold 3 Safety Label Kits; 260 Drilling Safety Guides; 5 Driller's Manuals; 3 DCDMA Technical Manuals, 2 DVD's; no DCDMA Technical specification CD's have been sold; 3 gage orders -- 2 to CME and one to Boart Longyear; no t-shirt sales (but we gave 46 shirts away at SSI as well as to new members); sold 200 Hard Hat Decals and no TST's were sold.

Marcie is pleased with the ads in the current issue of *Drill Bits* (*it is currently at the printers*). She had 9 paid ads and the magazine will be 40 pages. Marcie also remarked that the articles are very good in the issue.

ACTION ITEM: Larry Gibel to submit an article for the next *Drill Bits* on SSI.

Web Site statistics are 6,390 site visits (average of 206 per day); Page views: 24,545 (average of 792 per day) and 125,116 hits (average of 4,036 per day). What this tells us is that a large numbers of visitors are coming to the site and actually staying on the site to look for information.

ACTION ITEM: J&M to send out an email promoting NDA products, targeting safety labels. This will also be included in the next newsletter. Customer e-mail addresses will be asked for in the next newsletter as well.

ACTION ITEM: Lenny Rexrode will provide Marcie with a list of those who can potentially advertise in *Drill Bits*.

SEDC

J&M reported that they just returned from SEDC in Lincoln, Nebraska and that the show was slow this year. NDA's 3-hour Safety presentation was well attended with approximately 85 in attendance. All attendees received a NDA Safety Shirt at the end of the class. Rob Caho reported that it was decided not to show NDA's safety video in Nebraska as it is from 2005 and slightly outdated. Instead he used NGWA's new safety video.

2012 SEDC will be held in Wyoming and SEDC would like NDA to hold a training session again but on a different topic.

The board all agree that it is important to get the DOT DVD done first and then they will go back and redo the safety DVD. Rob reported that NGWA has already looked at the DOT DVD and Rob feels it may be ready to film.

ACTION ITEM: Rob Caho will contact Dan Dunn to see how he can help move the DOT DVD along.

ACTION ITEM: Tim Cleary will contact JJ Keller to see if they can assist with something more drilling industry specific, tailored to NDA needs for videos or information for DOT regulations.

Jackie and Marcie also reported that they met with the Executive Director of the Nebraska Well Drillers Association who they have talked with at past NGWA and SEDC events. NWA membership consists of geotechnical and monitor well drillers as well as some geothermal drilling members. They hold an annual meeting in February and are interested in NDA holding a training session. They are also interested in working with NDA on education and mentioned if our Red Vector classes were webinars instead of online training they would love to offer these programs to their membership. Nebraska does not accept online training.

Rob Caho mentioned he didn't feel there were enough people in NWA to make it worth NDA's while to offer training to NWA unless they would be willing to pay for a speaker to do the teaching.

ACTION ITEM: A board member was going to contact NWA to discuss this further. I do not show who was going to do this.

Training:

Rob Caho mentioned that Scott Golb from Master Technologies Ltd. approached him regarding having a "Heads Up" Competition at NDA's annual convention. Scott has received permission from Master Technology to be the sponsor and they would provide the prize as well as the materials needed. This competition was recently held at Winnipeg and was a great success.

The board supports this idea and feels that we should possibly scale the competition back for this year. The board feels that manufacturers will be willing to donate mud & bits for the competition and contractors participating in the contest will invite consultants to attend. (Consultants would pay their own way.) The winner could be given a “Golden Driller Award.” There could also be a Rigid Throwing Contest, a Hard Hat Throwing Contest, and a “Throw the Auger Bolt in the Can” Contest. All this would get the drillers involved.

ACTION ITEM: Frank Vilella will donate a “dummy” drill bit for a trophy.

ACTION ITEM: Larry Gibel and Frank Vilella will contact Auger Fest/Rig Fest/Tom Connelly, LR Kimbell, Tom Brown, Terra Testing, Hetager Drilling, and Test Boring

ACTION ITEM: Rob Caho will assist with competition, including getting a safety person to be on site, as well as Frank Vilella and Tom Sturgis’ son.

ACTION ITEM: Need rules and regulation – **NO ONE VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS**

ACTION ITEM: J&M to contact SevenSprings to see if a decent water supply would be available at the drilling site.

NDA Convention

Jackie Symons reported that we are ahead of the game with the amount of presenters and vendors that have already committed. Currently we have 10 presenters; 5 sponsors; 9 vendors/exhibitors.

It was agreed that each board member will bring a door prize that represents their state as we did last year. We have 6 (six) \$25 gift certificates left from last year that we can use. We also have 3 golf trophies that were not given out as the golf was not a scramble and only one trophy was awarded. We will just need to have new plates engraved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Rick Hutchings has one or two projects going that may be used as a presentation. Jackie will send him an e-mail to see if he’s interested in presenting.
- Larry indicated that Josh Trewitz from Slope Indicator is interested in speaking again.
- Dennis Duty mentioned that Baroid is working on a coring project in Africa and could do a presentation. Marcie asked Dennis to also consider doing an article for *Drill Bits*.
- It was also mentioned that Schramm might be willing to do a talk on the Chilean Mine Rescue.
- Larry will check with Jim Nidzgorsky to see if he would be willing to speak on the drilling his company is doing in Siberia.
- Rob Caho said that Diedrich might be willing to sponsor a 2-4 gigabyte thumb drive for a giveaway at the convention.

Drilling Certification:

Rob Caho recently asked Tom Ruda if he would be interested in holding a course at the NDA convention or other locations on the Drillers Manual book that he wrote. Those who participated and passed would be presented with a “Master Driller” certification. The course would most probably be one full day and part of a second day.

ACTION ITEM: Rob Caho mentioned that an outline and curriculum would need to be established, and the board would need to discuss reimbursement to Tom Ruda for his expenses.

ACTION ITEM:

Rob Caho made a motion to ask Tom Ruda to prepare a cost analysis for developing a training program on the Drillers Manual and report back to the board at the next board meeting. Tim Cleary seconded. Motion Approved.

Larry Gibel reported that Pittsburgh has its own program that it requires drillers to have.

ACTION ITEM: Larry Gibel will contact the state itself to see if we could offer their qualification course.

ACTION ITEM: Larry Gibel has been talking with Idaho, Oregon, and Washington State regarding the use of NDA classes for SSI continuing education. He reported that Washington has approved SSI for 18 CE credits and that it took 6 months to get the approval. He will continue the discussions and report at a future board meeting.

Red Vector

Larry Gibel has been trying to contact Red Vector for many months. They are very hard to get ahold of. Larry mentioned that Mark Miller was in charge when NDA first began working with them.

ACTION ITEM: J&M to look up Red Vector agreement. We would like to be able to receive our course materials and then put them on the NDA website and not have to go through a third party.

If we can pull classes from Red Vector, NDA could work together with Mississippi on training.

ACTION ITEM: Peggy McGee will write a letter to the State of Mississippi, Department of Environment, outlining what the NDA does and what we provide. She will also let them know about our SSI course.

Safety:

Dan Dunn could not be in attendance but he emailed that he hasn't had time to work on the new DOT DVD as well as TST's. Part of the reason is that the laws of CSA 2010 haven't been finalized and the other reason is that his job situation has changed.

ACTION ITEM: Lenny Rexrode volunteered to assist with TST's.

Gary Labrake from NGWA has a DOT webinar.

ACTION ITEM: Rob Caho will check into whether NDA can sell Gary's webinar.

DCDMA

Frank Vilella reported that Glastonbury Gage does not charge for evaluating a gage to see if it can be recertified. If a manufacturer has a gage they want recertified, the NDA office will instruct the

manufactures to send their gage to Southern Gage. If the gage can be recertified, Southern Gage will inform the NDA office. The NDA office will contact Frank, who will get the pricing from Southern Gage. Frank will then contact the NDA office with the pricing so that the office can inform the manufacturer of the cost. If the gage cannot be recertified, there is no charge. NDA is to collect payment before any new gages are ordered, but not before they are sent in for re-certification.

Membership

Rob Caho suggested that NDA consider individual memberships as he feels we could make up membership income with quantity. Some suggestions were:

- One price if a member receives only email correspondence and another price if the member requests hard copy correspondence.
- 1st membership at company is at a price that would cover 5 individuals for the price of 4 - Each additional member at that company would be charged \$55.
- Keep types of membership the same but adjust the membership fees.
 - Under manufacturer, have three categories- \$0 - \$5 million; \$5 - \$15 million; Over \$15 million
 - Contractors and Suppliers/Distributors only one fee – possibly \$385
 - Lower individual fee considerably - possibly \$55

ACTION ITEM: Warren McCann, Rob Caho and Jim Howe will work on dues structure and submit to the board.

Safety Awards Ground Rules

Larry Gibel reported that he couldn't locate the ground rules but he did distribute the rules from the Canadian Diamond Drilling Association. He mentioned that this is a competitive award.

Categories – 100,000 hour

30 – 10000 Hours

Less than 30,000 hours

They separate by work class

6204 hours is the middle

Driving to and from

Supervisors and Mechanics

Manufacturers

First Aid – OSHA Reportable – Lost Time or Restricted Duty

Contest is based on the previous year – July 1 – June 30.

ACTION ITEM: Jim Howe will share this with his safety person.

ACTION ITEM: In late June J&M will send an email regarding the award and will put a form on the NDA website for members to fill out and submit once final ground rules are provided to J&M.

Exhibits/Conventions

Jubilee, Myrtle Beach, SC – July 30 – August 1 - NDA will have a board meeting at Jubilee.

Technical Forum, Chattanooga, TN – August 3-4 – NDA has an exhibitor table.

AIPG Chicago – September 11 – 13 - NDA has an exhibitor table

Northwest Mining Show – November 27 – December 2 - John Aruga Casino, Reno, NV – NDA will have an exhibitor table here instead of doing the NGWA convention this year. J&M will attend.

Nielsen Environmental School - Mid-January 2012 – NDA will exhibit. J & M will attend.

NGWA – Portland, OR – February 10-11, 2012 – NDA will share exhibitor table with Dennis Duty. J&M will attend. NDA may have board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:39 AM, EST