

**National Drilling Association  
July 26, 2015  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**

**In attendance**

Butch Babcock, Jay Boland, Thomas Brown, Raid Caho, Dan Dunn, Dennis Duty, Larry Gibel, Eric Hajek, Rick Hutchings, Peggy McGee, Steve Parisano, Bill Siar, Mike Tiani, Matt Vass, Frank Villella, Mike Willey

Dan mentioned he is now in a different position, full safety and training and has a different outlook on drilling. Dan reported that a competitor of his had a fatal accident yesterday in the industry which makes brings him to remind everyone that at the end of the day, safety is so very important in what we do. If we don't make quota or budget and if we didn't get the rig to the client in time it cost dollars, but when someone gets hurt or dies we can't get them back. Keep this in mind.

Dan Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:46 AM

A motion to approve the March board meeting minutes was made by Rob Caho and seconded by Mike Willey. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report**

Larry Gibel reported that this year has been very good and all is progressing according to the budget, no areas of concern at this time. We have a few dollars in the bank and convention is way ahead of schedule. **ACTION ITEM:** J&M to check income from March 2015 SSI course and send an email to the full board. (Larry thinks \$7000 is missing)

**Gallagher**

J&M brought to the board attention that David Brockman has been non-response in that we still have not received a commission on the sale from last July, haven't paid membership fees or exhibit table fees yet. He also has not provided NDA with the necessary information for the website. This is not for lack of trying, we have had personal calls, in person discussions, etc. Steve Parisano also reported that it took David 3 weeks to return his call and Larry had a similar situation and that NDA was told that Gallagher would need 4 to 6 months to receive a bid. Gallagher is requiring members to sign an agreement to block other agents from quoting on their policy. There are in breach of their contract with NDA and we do have a clause that either party can cancel the agreement with **90 days' notice.**

**ACTION ITEM:** J&M to review the agreement to be sure we have held up our end and confirm the cancellation clause

A motion was made by Larry Gibel and seconded by Steve Parisano to terminate the agreement with Gallagher Insurance. Motion approved. **ACTION ITEM:** Jackie will draft a letter and send to Dan Dunn to review and to sign the letter. **ACTION ITEM:** Have attorney review

**2016 conference**

Jackie had included in the board packet a comparison of three properties. After much discussion it was decided to have the 2016 conference at the Hilton in Pennsylvania. They have the date the board would like September 14, 15, and 16, 2016. Outdoor demos were discussed and all feel that the shortened convention has increased attendance and in order to have outdoor demos we would need to extend the convention a half day or cut down on continuing education presentations. Static displays will continue.

**2015 Conference:**

**ACTION ITEM:** Contact the Safety Award Winner and invite to the convention **ACTION ITEM:** Add Hamilton Peterson from Boy Scouts to the agenda (Get info from Mike Willey). Mr. Peterson will also provide an article for the next *Drill Bits*. **ACTION ITEM:** Ask Rob Caho to fill out the form for the Harold F Scott DSA.

	<b>2014 July</b>	<b>2015 July</b>
Attendees	12 that were not vendors or exhibitors	34 that were not vendors or exhibitors
Exhibitors	17	25/36 attending
Golfers	7	37
Outdoor Static Displays	4	3
<b>Sponsorships</b>		
Cocktails, \$1500	1	1
Appetizers 1500	1	1
Tee Sponsors, \$165	4	10
AM/PM Breaks \$500	1	2
Breakfast, \$1500	1	1
Lunch \$2000	Had \$1000 toward it	1
Entertainment	None bingo	1
In Seat		4
Presenters		What about panels

**DOOR PRIZES**

Jackie reminded the board to remember to bring their giveaway that represents the city/state they are from.

Only tee sponsorships are available at this time. The board decided to not provide gifts to the panel presenters/moderators.

**DCDMA**

Frank Vilella and Butch Babcock distributed a clarification for the manual of the difference between the NWL-3 and NWL-TT option which will be added to the BIT section of the flash drive. Butch suggested getting a drawing to add to the clarification, a picture would be acceptable. **ACTION ITEM:** This clarification will be added to the manual now and we will add the drawings/photos as soon as they are available. **ACTION ITEM:** Frank will look into having the drawing/photo done. **ACTION ITEM:** Add Butch Babcock, Rick Hutchings and Dave Neibert to the DCDMA committee.

**Safety**

**ACTION ITEM:** Request a price from the original vendor for the safety labels if one hasn't been submitted already. If one was submitted please send the quote to Larry. **ACTION ITEM:** Larry Gibel will take the sample safety labels to test them and report back to the board. They were worried about fading and scratching.

Dan asked anyone who has TST ideas to send them to George Long, Dan Dunn or J&M. We are always looking for Safety is the Issue news articles for *Drill Bits*, please submit them as well.

### **SSI refresher**

Larry Gibel reported that the refresher course currently is only for Maryland. Maryland is requiring those who took the course to either re-take the course or take the refresher course every 5 years. Basically this is a one day review of the original class. NDA has an agreement with Maryland as they needed someone to design a shopping and take care of reservations, etc.

#### **Maryland State Highway agrees to:**

- Provide NDA with date, location and list of potential attendees
- Work out arrangements with instructor
- Purchase lunch for the attendees (to be reimbursed)
- Pay NDA 10% of the registration fee of the course

#### **NDA will perform the following for the Maryland State Highway**

- Create a shopping cart on the NDA website for individuals to register and pay
- Create an invitation to send out
- Process Credit Card payments
- Keep a list of attendees and provide that list prior to the event
- After event will pay Dr. Alan J. Lutenegger, P.E. his fee for instruction, travel, and instructional materials.
- Reimburse Maryland Environmental Services the cost of the lunch
- Hold a credit for Maryland Environmental Services for any funds remaining after all costs/fees are paid for future course offering
- Create a wait list for future offering of this course
- **If the SSI Refresher course is cancelled for any reason, Maryland State Highway will be responsible for a \$100 administration fee for work already performed.**
- **If the SSI Refresher course has less than 25 attendees, NDA will receive a minimum of \$325.00**

**ACTION ITEM:** Add to NDA website that there is a SSI refresher course and that it is required to either retake the exam or take the refresher course every five years.

**ACTION ITEM:** Tom Brown suggested that the refresher course be promoted during the NDA convention as it will be in Maryland.

#### **Online Exams:**

**ACTION ITEM:** Larry reported that he and Dennis will work on the Methods and Procedures test so that we will be able to put the exam back on line after the next board meeting.

#### **Monitor well exam:**

Larry mentioned that there were 8 questions that could be looked at as these are the questions that are missed the most.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jackie will send Steve and Mike the 8 missed questions with the answer for review.

**ACTION ITEMS** need number of the question. There are 8 questions that need to be re worded. In

**ACTWION ITEM:** J&M will list who failed and how many in future reporting

### **Membership Committee**

Dan mentioned NDA needs to grow, we continue to go up and down in membership. Chapters are critical and supporting area chapters is a great way to increase national membership.

### **New England Chapter**

A letter was sent on June 3 to Mary Lou Boneti received via email (delivered and read receipt received). There has been absolutely no response. The board feels the letter should be resent to Steve Preli with National Convention as the deadline for response. **ACTION ITEM**: Dan will review the letter and make any needed changes before sending.

If we do not receive a response from Steve, the board will discuss what action needs to be taken.

### **Chapter Reports**

#### **Buckeye**

Larry mentioned they had a meeting on June 16 in Columbus, 12 to 13 people attended. There was a presentation from workers' comp. They did not hold election however they did take nominations. Have a good chance of keeping chapter rolling and getting it better. Rick mentioned there were productive discussions on future meetings, but to time the meetings better. There were good recommendations from Todd on future meetings, he would like to duplicate some of the activities that the Mid Atlantic chapter does.

The Buckeye will be holding an eight hour OSHA refresher course on a Saturday at a reduced rate. Looking at other ways to involve contractors in the chapter.

#### **Florida chapter**

Jim could not be in attendance, Rob Caho had nothing new to report. Sheri has been in contact with the Florida chapter and they will be setting up a conference call as soon as their work schedules calm down.

#### **Mid Atlantic**

Mike reported that the Mid Atlantic chapter put in a Boy Scout well. Drillers Services provided the materials and Connelly and Association provided a well. The Scout will be taking the crew out to the council and will cook dinner for them as a thank you. Mid Atlantic had a training session on May 9. They had 97 people in attendance, 50 were drillers. Both indoor seminars and outdoor demos were held and everyone stayed to the end. The event was so successful that they are taking 50 to an Oriole game. They will be attending the game Sunday prior to convention. Their next meeting will be August 17.

#### **Tri State**

Frank Villella mentioned that they are holding a golf outing and clay shooting even this month.

Eric mentioned that more and more they are being asked to provide proof of Competency training. Every person should have to sign the safety guide as this would help the company in case an accident occurred as this would hold up in court that they were given safety training. Board members mentioned that when clients ask for certifications, they are not looking for a certifications on a certain rig but safety certification.

#### **Senior Driller and Driller's manual review**

Both items have been tabled.

**ACTION ITEM**: Dan asked that the membership committee discuss the Senior Drilling Rules for Senior Drillers certification.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dan asked that the training committee review their notes on the sections that board members committed to review for the Driller Manual.

### **Advertising Opportunities**

A motion was made by Steve Parisano and seconded by Mike Willey for NDA to offer advertising opportunities at \$200 to do an E blast or a one month tower ad. This is for *Drill Bits* advertisers only.

**Motion Passed.**

### **NDA APP**

**ACTION ITEM:** J&M to send an e-mail to the board to remind them to check out the new NDA APP and ask them to respond with any suggestions by August 15 so that the APP could go online.

### **Elections**

Peggy will be contacting all those whose terms are expiring to see if they would like to continue. The following terms are expiring on December 13 -- Tim Augustine, Jay Boland, Dennis Duty, Jim Howe and Eric. Dan Dunn will be stepping down after two terms. **ACTION ITEM:** Sam Connelly and Bill Sair will like to be considered for a board position. A ballot will be discussed and approved at the September board meeting.

### **SEDC**

This topic was tabled.

### **Exhibit Opportunities**

SME will be in Phoenix in February 15-18, 2016 and NDA has already traded for this table.

Northwest Mining Show is sold out, as normal, but Frank volunteered to share his booth with him.

Next Board Meeting September 16 during the annual convention.

Meeting adjourned 11:45