

AMERICAN POWER DISPATCHERS ASSOCIATION
SPRING SOUTHWEST AREA MEETING
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 21,2003

President Weldon Perkins called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President: Weldon Perkins
Vice President: Darlene Wright
Treasurer: Mike Napoleon
Secretary: Sandy Dewees
Area Trustee: Absent

A stand up roll call of members was held. The attendance sheet is attached.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Sandy Dewees read the meeting minutes from the Fall meeting in Mesa, AZ. Larry Bellnap made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Mike McDaniel made a second.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Napoleon read his report (attached). The balance is as follows:

- General Fund \$12,468.94
- Promotional Fund \$ 525.00
- Scholarship Fund \$12,007.39

The balance as of 3/15/03 is \$25,001.32, this is a decrease \$348.22 due to transactions taking place with SRP for the fall meeting. Membership has increased from 424 to 467. Skip Pike made a motion to accept the report as read, Jeff McDonald made a second.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Hella Shull was not in attendance.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Darlene Wright encouraged any one who's company might be interested in hosting a meeting, to please contact her. I know companies are cutting back every where they can, but it is very important to keep these meetings going especially with the training that has been done with the last few meetings.

Contact people to please keep up with names, mailing address and emails addresses. With members changing companies we are one of the last places people think to change their information. It is very important to keep this information updated, so we can keep track of our members.

Since we have gone electronic we only have address for six retirees, where we should have at least 96 address. If you have any information on the retirees from your company please let one of the officers know, so they can receive information on upcoming meeting and the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Weldon Perkins read his report and is attached.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP

- Gunda Hunt loving wife of Sonny Hunt, Senior Distribution Dispatcher (NEVP) passed away 3/14/03
- Marvin Hahn, Transmission Dispatcher (NEVP) recovering from a 6-way bypass heart operation
- Tom Rice, Manager Distribution Operations (NEVP) was married 2/21/03
- Michael Davis, Senior Distribution Dispatcher (NEVP) was married on 3/06/03
- Guy Smith retired with honors from XCEL/PESCO/SPS/NSP on 1/10/03
- XCEL Energy Trading floor has moved to Denver, CO, the trading floor in MN has been closed down. Which has been a good and positive thing. There are 28 positions, all reapplied for their jobs and some new positions created. 6 on the PESCO desk, 6 on NSP desk and 5 on SPS desk. Weldon has assumed the Team Lead on the SPS desk.
- Bill Grant has been promoted to Director Real Time Marketing for EXCEL Energy, with 2 Managers under him Tim Jerko who came from Connective and John Welch who came from NRG.
- Al Dykstra with City of Riverside reported he will be retiring in 8 years 3 months and 19 days. Allison McDaniel stated she will hold him to that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Weldon has been unable to contact the Brenda who previously had made our logo items. Ed Kopf from Nevada Power Company, wife Randy has a business named Flags Unlimited located in Las Vegas and has agrees to make our logo items. No discussion as of yet on the set up charge for digitalization. We will be sending her a copy of the logo and she will get started on them. No members offered any discussion or alternate suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Weldon received a phone call on March 5, 2003 from Bill Porter. Bill had informed

Weldon stating on March 10, 2003 "he will be retired from WAPA-Montrose and did not want to be the web master anymore, so you better find a new web master". Weldon went to the process and talked with a lady at EXCEL Energy that does on line accounting stuff. Realized she wanted big bucks, told her this was a non-profit organization. Continued with leads and finally contacted Terry Sasser who is the web master for the National Web-site. Terry does an excellent job, he is a full time Generation operator for Southern CO. who does this in his spare time. Whenever Weldon has previously asked Terry for anything during his previous National Presidency, it has always been completed in less than 24 hours, all he was asking for was information. Weldon briefly talked with Terry on the phone about the details. Terry immediately checked in to the web site and e-mail Weldon the next day with some recommendations. Weldon asked Terry what would it take for him to do this? Terry's response was \$50.00 per month to completely re-build the web-site. Weldon showed a demonstration from the different web-sites for APDA. Opened up for discussion. Weldon stated there has been a lot of promises from people to do it for free with no results. Larry Bellnap stated that at a National Meeting the had ok' d, under protest to pay someone \$100.00 per month to be the web-master. Larry's concern to have to pay someone to do volunteer work, but at the same time trying to find someone with the expertise to do it and do it right. Larry recommended until the time we can find someone to do it for free that we pay Terry Sasser \$50.00 per month plus a \$150.00 for the domain fee. After discussion, Larry Bellnap made a motion to have Terry Sasser as the Southwest Area Web-Master, John Mc Cartney second the motion, with a unanimous vote.

- Weldon has challenged Jeff Liddicote to send a combined newsletter and send it out to all the members and retirees. Problem is that the companies are starting to not allow members to use company paper and toner. The postage allowances APDA can and eventually apply for a bulk postage rate to mail the newsletter out cheaper. Buying paper, toner and even making copies at Kinkos is expensive to produce a non profit newsletter. Jeff is trying to get approval from his company to use their paper and toner. The newsletter letter is currently produced twice a year, starting in 2004 the newsletter will be produced quarterly. After much discussion regarding lack of reliable contact information. Darlene Wright will create a new contact person list. At this time Larry Bellnap has offered to print the copies of the newsletter and will return the copies to Jeff Liddicote for mailing.
- Weldon - Sign-up sheets are sent around each day and for the business meeting for accountability, make sure you attend all the meetings. If you are missing any meetings you are missing a lot.
- John McCartney - brought up for discussion the Southwest Area Trustee. The trustee is to attend all the National and Southwest Area meeting. If that person does not attend all the meetings, they are not doing our organization any good. John asked for discussion before making a motion. Allison McDaniel stated that back in Las Vegas Bill Grant offered to Hella, that he will be available to continue as the Southwest Area Trustee if she is unavailable to fulfill the position, and she declined his offer, that she would be available. John McCartney made a motion to have Hella Shull resign as Southwest Area Trustee, D McDowell offered a second, a vote was take with majority having her resign, There were a few who opposed. Darlene Wright stated that we should at least talk to her to see if there has been some reasoning she has not been able to attend the meetings. Weldon called for a break while the officers tried to contact her by phone, Darlene was unable to make contact with her at work which was the only known number we had. Larry Bellnap accepted to take over as the Southwest Trustee pending support from his company.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

Mike Karg - CASIO
Janna Buwalda - WAPA-SNR

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Albuquerque, NM on October 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2003 at the Windom Garden Hotel during the balloon feast.

ADJOURNMENT

Weldon Perkins made a motion to adjourn the Spring Business Meeting, Jeff McDonald offered a second. Meeting adjourn at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Dewees
Southwest Area Secretary