

**ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009
Montgomery Inn Boat House**

President Vogel called the meeting to order at 11:45 am with the pledge of allegiance. Joe introduced two new Board members, Carol Callan-Ramler and Matt Loeffler and acknowledged two guests.

Cindy Minter played the 2010 Cincinnati conference promotional video.

President Vogel announced that the Triko Valley Board set the following goals for 2009-2010 at the August 25th meeting:

- a. Membership: 175
- b. Meeting Attendance: 90 to 95
- c. PIN; to have members contact their congressmen regarding SAFETEA-LU, Caroline to attend Transportation Matters meetings.
- d. Golf Attendance/Sponsors; 144 golfers and 18 sponsors
- e. Scholarship Applications: minimum of 10
- f. Schramm Award Applications: five in each category
- g. Company Sponsorships: 15 in the newsletter

Bill Lawall gave the treasurer's report. There was a beginning balance of \$7,477.30, disbursements of \$12,104.11, and deposits of \$11,008.81 for an ending balance of \$6,382.00 plus \$6,000 in the scholarship fund. There are currently 171 members. Tuesday, December 8th will be the holiday dinner meeting. The next board of directors meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20th at City Hall. PDH certificates are located on the table in the back.

President Vogel announced that the minutes from the last general membership meeting were printed in the newsletter and asked for comments or a motion to accept. A motion was raised and seconded to accept the minutes. All members present voted in favor.

Caroline Duffy presented the Political Action Network (PIN) report, indicating that Chairman Oberstar will agree to an extension of the SAFETEA-LU bill but the committee is pushing for a multi-year reauthorization in 2010, instead of 2011 as suggested by the Obama administration and the Senate. Everyone is urged to contact their Congressional representative to let them know that we support a three month extension and not the 18 month extension proposal.

Ted Hubbard reported that NCEES discussed the proposed model law and handed out a position paper at the Louisville convention. There is concern that the requirement of BS plus 30 is not

good for those that have to implement Civil Engineering and will make it virtually impossible to obtain the dual registration required to be a County Engineer in Ohio. An amendment was accepted that the Model Law will be taken off of the table while it is being rethought. There has never been a case in Ohio of discipline due to not having enough education. Organizations need to understand that not just academic knowledge is needed to be a good engineer.

Stan Harris reported that the Region requested that we update personal information on the national website.

On behalf of Jim Collins, Joe Vogel announced that the golf committee will reconvene in January or February.

Membership committee chair Jim Jurgensen II indicated that letters have been sent out encouraging everyone to bring guests to meetings.

Cindy Minter reported that 20 Triko Valley members attended the Atlanta conference. Overall there was a lower turnout, so the 2010 National Conference committee has dramatically downsized our budget. As cash flow is critical, we are soliciting silent auction items for OTEC. A volunteer list was passed around for the booth at OTEC. Help is also needed for the Sponsorship, Golf, Reception and Technical committees. Biographies were read for Greg Wilkens, Jim Jurgensen, Sr. and Mark Polisinski, who are our candidates for the Robert E. Pierson Award. \$1,000 will be donated to the Pierson Award winner's favorite charity.

A call was raised for Schramm Award applications by President Vogel.

Paul Schoelwer gave the program committee report, indicating that the holiday party will be at the Cincinnati Zoo, which will be opened by 4:00 pm for early tours. Thane Maynard will speak and spouses are invited.

New National director nominations are due by October 1st.

Paul Schoelwer introduced Amjad Waheed from ODOT Central Office who spoke on bridge load ratings and super loads. After his presentation, Mr. Waheed pulled the winning ticket for the split the pot worth \$80.00. The winner was Eric Beck, who donated the winnings back to ASHE.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Emerick

Secretary