

## *Minutes of CAHPI - Atlantic Meeting September 19, 2011. Truro*

Meeting opened 10:00AM ( Chair Blaine Swan)

### Roll Call

Armand Dufresne, Bert Gaudet, Bill Corey, Blaine Swan, Brian Kohler, Brian Hutchinson, Clarke Hubley, Cyril DesJardins, Darren Smith (8), Don Myers, Eddy Crocker, Edgar Poirier, Gerald Adams, Glenn Strang, Greg Ryno, James Kane, Jason Matheson, Julie Peck, Lawrence Englehart, Marc Rubarth, Mario St Onge, Martin Renaud, Mike Derrah, Nick Philipovic, Norm Leblanc, Paul Myette, Perry Gillingham, Peter Lewis, Phil Brun, Phil Rubarth, Pierre Albert, Ray Chevarie, Robert MacArthur, Rod Mackinnon, Roger Green, Sam Lorefice, Scott Davis, Scott Maclean, Stephen Garland, Stephen Hall, Steven Manuel, Suzanne Clark, Terry Gordon, Steve Goostrey.

Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting as posted.

Moved by : Rod Mackinnon, Second: Armand Dufresne

Motion carried

### Reports

#### **President: Blaine Swan**

- Participated in several conference calls with CAHPI - National, regarding accreditation process for CAHPI. Some things being tweaked, but overall we are in good shape and on track. Hoping to hear back soon.
- Last week, he attended the Newfoundland AGM. They now have 11 members and things are going very well. Over 50% committed to attending our CAHPI conference in Edmonton.
- There was a presentation by a plumber on Kitec plastic pipe. ( some recalls happening)
- Blaine reminded all that our conference is October 13 -15, 2011 in Edmonton. There will be CAHPI - National meetings held. He will be in attendance.

**Blaine asked for a motion from the floor to approve the revised National Code of Ethics, that was distributed for review, to be accepted and adopted by CAHPI - Atlantic.**

Some questions raised by members. It was suggested that we wait until our next meeting to allow more time to review. Blaine went over the changes from current version to everyone's satisfaction.

Motion made to Accept and Adopt the National Code of Ethics by CAHPI- Atlantic.

First by Terry Gordon, Second by Edgar Poirier

**Motioned carried.**

- Revised National Standards of Practice being released ( no major changes in content ) Will be posted on or website. 2011 SOP Ver E-July. We should start using it ASAP.
- A "Protection of Privacy Statement" should be included in members inspection agreement/contract. You need to be careful , especially about credit card information.

#### **Finance- Sam Lorefice**

Our finances are in good shape. Received our HST rebate All bills paid up to date, and we have a positive balance in our account.

## **Vice-president- Brian Hutchinson**

- He is drafting a document to define “Professional Development Credits” PDCs that we can use starting next year.
- Little activity regarding licensing. Waiting to get our Accreditation from National Commission for Certifying Agencies before we start the lobbying process again.

## **Training-Edgar Poirier**

- He wants to hold a **Defect Training course and exam**, before year end, in Amherst, NS. It would not be held during our next meeting.
- Send him an email at [edgarpoe@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:edgarpoe@nb.sympatico.ca), if you want to take the course. He needs a reasonable number signed up before he can confirm the course date and location. Cost \$350 plus Tx for the course, \$150 plus Tx for the exam.
- Ed and Norm plan to take the National Home Inspectors Exam ( NHIE ) exam and will try to incorporate what they can into our course.
- The NHIE is a competency test. Questions are selected by 12 people and are backed by a reference. The exam is now part of Registered Home Inspector Requirements. If your are already a Registered Home Inspector, you are not required to write the exam. ( Overview given by Blaine )

## **Professional Standards – Glenn Strang**

- Members advertising has been main issue. It is important you stay in line and follow our Bylaws when advertising.
- The Committee's job is to help our members image by ensuring the public sees us in a good light. Before you run your adds ask questions, get advice before hand. The add companies will run anything you give them, they do not police adds. Check our Bylaws, get help from our association if need. It is up to you to get things right.
- Blaine reviewed the rules for advertising:
  - Registered Home Inspector - can run adds, use logo, etc
  - Associate Home Inspector – can run adds, use logo, etc.
  - Student members- have no rights to advertise, or use our name, logo, etc., in any way.

## **Presentation- Andrew Bursey - Blue Nose Dogs**

- Andrew made a presentation and conducted a demonstration with his specially trained dog MAGI about mold and bed bug detection services. You may contact him at [info@bluedogs.com](mailto:info@bluedogs.com). He responded to many questions from the floor. Session was enjoyed by all. Their services are offered throughout Nova Scotia.. We thank Andrew and his father David for taking the time and doing the presentation.

## **Conference Committee- Terry Gordon**

- He has talked to other regions about what worked best and how to best proceed with running our conference. He learned a lot from them.
- Hotel Marriott Halifax is booked for the conference. Handled by CAHPI - National. Selection

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was based on best price, service, and location.

- Terry is recommending that the price for conference for members be held at \$795
- Dates are Oct 12,13 and 14 , 2012
- He is looking for people to head the different committees that he has established to handle the various tasks, venues, sessions, and programs etc
- Slogan : “ Strengthening Skills - Advancing Our Profession”
- He has addressed some complaints from exhibitors at last conference. This time, we will all be in same room, not spread out. Exhibitors will be set up around perimeter of our main meeting room. Education sessions will be in separate rooms.
- Room rate for members is \$199 plus HST, per night. Flat rate for entire stay.
- To save money, we will try and cost share some expenses/purchase with Ottawa, they are doing 2013 conference.
- This time the focus will be on training, no plans for tours or outings for spouses.
- Credit for attending full conference, MRC of 20 credits is proposed. TBA

Courses/ to be offered so far

- Building structures
- Thermal imaging
- FLIR is offering a course
- Natural gas
- Mold and radon
- Safety training, ladders etc. height standards, limits & guidelines.
- Advanced heating systems
- Foam insulation
- Wet basements
- Building your business, with new technology

He is looking and asked for ideas on what more we could offer.

Some ideas from the floor suggested:

- Alternate energy, TIPRs

**Presentation- On National Building Code - Perry Gillingham- Member**

- Perry's session covered several areas of part 9 of the national building code.
- Book or disc version are available
- Egress windows for bedrooms ( how to measure the opening for sizing )
- Attached Garages.
- Exterior Decks ( noted that they are found in different code book )
- Other discussions on smoke detector locations, doors opening into halls.

**Our Next meeting will be November 21, 2011, in Amherst, NS.**