

## **Minutes**

General Membership Meeting  
North Carolina Pest Control Association  
9 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 2005  
Tides I, Marriott Grand Dunes Hotel  
Myrtle Beach, SC

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Past President Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. A list of meeting attendees is appended to these minutes in the archival minute book. He welcomed the membership and commended Steve Taylor for the job he had done planning the meeting. He proceeded to reaffirm the association's antitrust policy. He invited Dee Dodd to perform the installation of officer.

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Dodd installed the regional vice presidents (Kristen Dodd, Robert Dillingham, R.B. Goforth, Burns Blackwell, Doug Whitley and Josh Harrison), the secretary/treasurer (Kevin Spillman), past president (Mark Brown), vice president (Brian Windham) and president (Duane Rose). The gavel was passed from Brown to Rose.

### **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Brian Windham reported the previous general membership minutes have been distributed. A motion was approved to accept the minutes as written.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **Immediate Past President**

Brown thanked his committee chairmen for the past 12 months for their hard work and support. Specifically he mentioned the WDIR program that kicked off during the past year and the Educational Foundation.

He also gave special thanks to Billy Tesh for working on the School IPM Accreditation Program and Don Hamby for monitoring legislative activities during the past year. He challenged members to step up and become involved.

#### **Immediate Past Secretary Treasurer**

Windham presented the June 30, 2005 (year-end) financial report. He noted that member equity had increased during the past year by \$51,000.

The association's investment has grown by \$19,000 since 2003.

Steve Taylor questioned the "Hotel Commission" revenue on the financial report.

Executive Director Mike Borden explained that the North Raleigh Hilton provided that rebate as part of the overall contractual agreement with NCPCA to host the January PCT School.

#### **President**

Rose again asked the members to become involved in the association. He said there was a committee sign-up form included in the day's agenda packet. He encouraged members to contact their regional vice presidents with questions or suggestions.

### Foundation Chair

Dodd said that the raffle during the weekend was \$3,160. He thanked everyone that contributed donations and prizes. Fred Canady has already said he will donate a fishing trip next year. He said that the Educational Foundation had been agreed to by the membership two years ago. The initial investment was \$100,000 with the Educational Foundation funded by the interest from this investment and additional donations during the year.

Four scholarship applications were received and awarded for the first year.

## **YEAR IN REVIEW REPORTS**

### Membership

Rose reported on the annual membership figures: Active Members 209, Allied Members 34, and Associate Members 25. Membership increased 12% for the year with NCPA representing nearly 2,200 pest control professionals.

### Special Olympics

Jimmy Lynn gave the report on the association's commitment to the Special Olympics. He said that donations are down by \$4,000 for the year and asked everyone to make a contribution to this important program.

### Summer Conference

Taylor reported that over 300 people had registered for the Summer Conference – many of those were walk-ins. He said there were numerous hotel problems mainly because the room block at the Marriott was reduced when SCPCA vacillated about their commitment to the conference.

He said the format has returned to the history of NCPA and the national association has been very cooperative. Next year the meeting will be the Carolinas Summer Conference with the Virginia association as invited guests. The site of the meeting will be The Westin Resort at Hilton Head. In 2007 the meeting will move back to Myrtle Beach.

He suggested that in future years the general membership meeting should move back to an 8:30 a.m. start time to allow more time for reports and discussion.

### January PCT School

Debi Logue reported the 2005 school was the largest one ever. She reported speaker contracts were arriving for the 2006 conference, which will include a mock trial and will emphasize forensic entomology. She also reported the Ant Workshop would be phased out and in future years, attendees will be offered a termite workshop and an occasional invader workshop.

### Legislative

Hamby reported the Schoolchildren's Healthcare Act could affect pest control operators. Hamby said that the association has worked with the committee that is considering the bill to get some changes made. He suggested that members contact their legislative representatives about the training facility being built in Raleigh. No funds have been allocated to run the facility.

### Past Presidents' Council

Walt Cooper said that the Past President's charge is fluid and this year the charge was to review the management of the Association, which was completed by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Council and its recommendations presented to the Board.

### Rules and Regulations

Dodd reported that there are regulations being reviewed. Dodd discussed some of the proposed changes, which include placement of bait stations 15 feet apart, quarterly inspections of termite treatment systems, and annual warranty stipulations. He said labeling might change along with changes in some of the inspection regulations. He explained that changes take up to three years to move through committee and be presented to the Rules and Regulations Committee of the Division. He suggested that PCOs be proactive with the current Rules and Regulation Committee and acknowledge any problems.

### Public Relations

Dillingham said that the Technician of the Year Award was not a well-received as the committee had hoped.

The newsletter is starting to lose money but the committee agreed that this is a member service and the format will not change.

The concept of Family Day has been dropped because of the difficulty in bringing everyone to one place in the state.

Kristen Dodd reported on the options of sponsoring Dave Rogers' Big Bugs exhibit at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Charlotte from October – December 2005.

### WDIR Accreditation

Kevin Spillman reported that 245 students have gone through the course and 219 have become accredited. He said the next step is the promotion of the accreditation value with realtors.

The next workshop is scheduled in conjunction with the January School.

### NPMA

Tesh reported on the national association is looking at redistricting the regions within the leadership of NPMA. Size of the board will not change but representation in districts will.

PPMA is moving strongly. It requires the financial support of all members. The American Journal of Medicine published a study about the negative effect of pesticides in schools, to which PPMA has drafted a response

IPM Accreditation is moving forward and feedback from industry is important in the early planning stages.

### Ethics and Standards

Goforth called the membership's attention to the suggested Ethics and Standards included in the agenda packet. This document deals with responsibilities to the client. He said that a Code of Ethics is important to the association and in keeping PCOs focused on quality service.

On a motion by Walter McDuffie and a second by Mark Harrison, the membership approved the Basic Principles of the Code of Ethics as presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Budget for 2005-2006**

Immediate Past Secretary/Treasurer Windham presented the budget for 2005-2006. On a motion by Chuck Hazelwood and a second by Dee Dodd, the membership approved the annual budget.

#### **Family Day Survey**

Allied Pest Control was the winner of the Family Day survey. They will receive a complimentary registration to the 2006 January School.

### **AWARDS**

Rose presented Immediate Past President Brown with a plaque commemorating his service to the Association for the previous year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Brown and second by Dodd, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael R. Borden*

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for  
Kevin Spillman, Secretary/Treasurer