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2007 May API-Delta Chapter Minutes

Attendees: Ken Meyers, Jan Catalano, Bernadette Alaniz, Steve White, James Coronato, Carlos Guzman, Barbara Edmonds, Peggy Bourgeois, Marcel Tullier, Cathy Vaughn, Richard Rusch

Clay Committee (Bernadette): Gary Johnson has agreed to stay on as Chairman of Sporting Clays committee for 2008. The Sporting Clays committee brought in over \$100,000 in sales and \$41,000 in profit for 2007. Board thanked Gary, Don, and their committee members for the great and wonderful success of the sporting clays tournament.

Tentative dates were thrown out at around June 21, 24, and or 28th and were looking at places on the Northshore to hold an appreciation dinner for all Golf & Sporting Clays committee members, volunteers, board members, and spouses. Rips on the Lake was suggested. A date, time, and place was TBA very soon.

The board unanimously passed a motion to set aside \$18,000 for sporting clays committee to purchase guns at discounted prices for next year. The 2008 Father/Son Sporting Clays tournament has been set for the last weekend in April (Friday April 25th, and Saturday April 26th 2008).

Don Miller set forth a challenge to all board members: "I would like to challenge each Delta Chapter Board Member to work at least one fundraiser this year. It's a wonderful attitude of friendship, community, and partnership in the community and to each other that can only be maintained if we roll up our sleeves and work to keep the chapter stronger."

Bernadette to remind Don to send Barbara information collected on new members from the Sporting Clays Tournament.

Golf Tournament Committee (Steve White): Golf tournament committee going to use Don's letter from sporting clays committee and just Taylor it to the needs of the golf tournament. These letters will be sent out in June. Contacting core sponsors from last years tournament to see if they will still be participating and determine if they will still want their same holes in order to find out what spots may need to be filled. Covington Country Club will have their club house this time. The venue is set for Covington Country Club for September 14 th 2007. They will be utilizing same application as last year, but pending proofing before available next month. They will have better course maps this year as well. This year they will give away golf balls instead of hats because they were able to piggyback off the NOPGT tournament when they ordered balls for their tournament with Belle Terre and able to get much better pricing.

Education Committee (Cathy): The API-delta chapter did recognition for teachers Pre K. We were not able to continue Post K. For 20 years we recognized 3 teachers in each of our 6 parishes and selected them for monetary awards \$1300/parish along with a teacher luncheon and a plaque. The board looked to plan and develop mini grants. \$500/grant. Circulated grant notices to over 500 principals in the 6 different parishes thru School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans thru ties of the BCM and agreement with executive CEO Dr. Brian Ridlinger.

The committee meet once and reviewed 12 proposals. Some didn't meet our criteria (Cathy handed out guidelines set forth by education committee that were posted on our website). (Ken): No limit on schools just in teacher funding? The form was revised from what principals and teachers are used to seeing. It was revised from a BCM million dollar grant to meet the needs of the API. (Carlos) \$6000 right? (Cathy) 10 grants @ \$500 each. Select one of the 10 that was exceptional for \$500 extra so that was a total of \$5500. When the committee met there were questions about specific items on the request. Cathy was in charge of getting a hold of teacher/principal and get answers or interviews. However, it was very difficult this time in the year. When Cathy questioned principals, the committee talked about giving

preference to the ones that were more directed to math and science. However, when talking to principals there were more requests for things like maps, globes, etc. The application didn't say math/science. So it's an issue that needs to be opened up as a board, but that's Bernadette's call. Cathy's suggestion is that since we have these guidelines out there and for this cycle we should not only focus on math and science because we didn't say that. But we have control over whatever we do and if there is a question on an item we can say no we are not going to fund that item. If the board feels that we need to earmark math/science then we can revise these for beginning of next school year. We need to circulate it out around the 1st week of October because August and September H/R is still moving people around because that is when you get minimum foundation program money from the state and that allocates how many teachers per school. You can't have a teacher and a school with only 15 students in a class. There will be a better opportunity with teachers in class and stabilized knowing what they are going to teach and what materials they have available to that particular school. If we waited till September, then there is so much going on and principles already have so much on their plate.

Her second recommendation is that if you want to revise it, revise it and she can send it out the same way thru Dr. Ridlinger and post revisions on the website. If the board wants to specify certain curriculum or materials or things, then let the education committee meet up again and make revisions to submit to the board. For example we may say we won't buy overhead projectors or digital camera's (things that might walk away). Having gone thru this first set we might want to tighten up where we might say what we will or will not approve. Having been an educator for several years she knows a lot of the requested things here are schools/teachers just don't have the money to supply and that may not be what we want to do and we still have control over it. But I'm still a little uncomfortable we've gotten to a point where we need to cut this off and say we are not going to accept anymore after May 31st. We still need some direction and then the committee can come back together. We just thought it should be something that we needed to bring back to the board. Ken wanted to know if there were anything particularly outrageous or just not really targeted at science and math as we had hoped or anticipated? Cathy replied, they are all over the map. We received lots of language arts and math due to the fact that the LEAP tests are geared toward language arts and math which is understandable.

One particular school had a lot of requests and Cathy spoke to the principal which was from an alternative school for kids who got expelled from regular school for non-violent infractions like excessive absences or mouthing off to teachers. No gun or drugs or those kinds of things. That types of students you can do a lot of different things to help engage them. Generally they are hyperactive and/or lack structure at home so it's difficult for them to survive structure in school. So they got to do things differently and use different methods of helping the student to acquire the basic skills math and language arts to help get them back in a regular school where they can complete school and get them in post high school. Some of the materials in this last batch of applications that the committee hasn't seen a requested a lot of sports or competition type things. So Cathy asked a lot of questions about that and as an educator Cathy understood what this teacher was trying to accomplish however to someone who is not an educator or been in the trenches, they would not understand their methodology. But we may say as an API delta chapter that is not our charge and is not something we choose to do. So this has been a learning experience.

After doing some digging and researching into many of the request that the committee had questioned such as digital camera's and overhead projectors, as an educator that has not been in the trenches for 10yrs could now understand reasoning's behind such requests. For instance now a day the digital camera was used to illustrate their projects along with their written and verbal work. So Cathy felt that these were some issues that the board needed to be aware of and open it up for discussion by the board for some direction. Cathy does not want the API to get a bad wrap over some of these issues since our grant letter did not have more defined guidelines.

Discussion opened: Questions raised were one grant per parish? Whether or not the stuff requested we're Katrina related losses? The answer to that one was that the education committee had decided not limit the requests to Hurricane related losses because they would be difficult to substantiate. Another question posed was what if the monies requested went over or way under the allocated \$500, what then? There were lots of requests for under high school level. The checks and balances in place were the principle signs off and the success was to be evaluated by the teacher in the grant proposal itself. We may need to request invoices or receipts. Jan was going to ask Doug how the first one was handled. Five grants were close to be awarded and 5 had already been awarded. A cut off point was wanted for this cycle as well.

The board's recommendation was discretion and flexibility. It was suggested by the board to leave it like it is for this cycle because of the current guidelines set forth. The board would like for the education committee to meet again soon to go over the rest of the grant requests and reward the remainder. Also to possibly use this time to make revisions for the 2008 mini grant guidelines as well as deadlines and possible funding request to bring back to the board for the 2008

mini grant program. Also to get the scholarship program kicked off and going since we were already had already allocated money for this year for that program.

Board approved motion for education committee to reconvene and to go forward with the program already in place as is and for the education committee to be flexible. They did not choose to see the grants tied down just to 1 grant per parish. The board wants the education committee to have some flexibility dictated by the grant requests and not to have their hands tied by the board. Also to change the qualifications as needed for the 2008 mini grant program to bring back to the board.

Cathy to send out optional dates for next education committee meeting.

Bernadette suggested that if you want your voice heard on some of the issues to try and make it to one of the educational committee meetings.

(Cathy): What we are trying to accomplish is to give the industry a good image to teachers out there and to encourage them to teach use every kind of way they can to teach about things that are important in the industry. But I want to make sure we don't turn any of them off. So we need to walk a fine line there to make sure that the money you all worked so hard to apply is spent in the right way and make sure we are accomplishing our objective of having teachers teach those subjects and have them incorporate that.

Cathy also going to check with Chalmette Schools or Library (Doris) to see if there is any we can do to help the needs of St. Bernard Schools Parish.

Website Committee (Marcel): 34 companies on website. 20 have paid. Have not been able to get a hold of 14. It was determined that Doug checks the post office box. Ken suggested from previous experience for Marcel to check with Doug via email prior to meetings dates for an update if checks have been received. Ken also recommended if you need to cut dead weight then go ahead and do so. Start over and fresh and maybe target on larger corporations to give us some credibility. Also look for lots of those little companies who we do not see participating in our events and put a squeeze on them. Collarini is off the website. Ken suggested meeting outside of the meeting.

Treasury Report (Bernadette): Info from Doug.... In excess of \$80,000 in the bank and probably more after we get all expenses and receipts from clay shoot. We also have greater than \$32,000 in Vanguard savings account.

Old Business (Carlos): Carlos brought up that we approved \$5000 for scholarships for member's children. The next newsletter for scholarship and specify qualifications. Peggy and Carlos are going to get us a copy of their other organization's guidelines for scholarship to be used as a tool for our education committee in order to produce API guidelines for our scholarship program.

New Member (Bernadette): The board unanimously approved Steve Freeman with Harvest Oil & Gas to join the API-delta board.

Technical Luncheon Update (Ken):

Frank Glaviano agreed to be our speaker. Jahnette was going to set up a preliminary meeting to come up with a topic for the technical discussion. We did not have the date handy at the time. Discussion broke out about the date trying to recall the date, but if recollection served, they believe Frank had that date picked out according to his schedule. Ken was going to announce time, date and place at a later time.

Membership (Barbara): Barbara had cleaned up the membership and had it down to 12 pages. Updated the board members and will add the new ones. Need to get new members from the clay tournament. Bernadette to get with Don to get to Barbara the list of new members. Determined it would also be a good idea to get cell phone numbers on members for they came in handed when we had to cancel the golf tournament one year. Barbara was going to try to email members to update their information. Jan was going to get with Barbara for a new idea on solicitation of new members she had seen at a Tulane engineering function.

Newsletter (Richard): Newsletter deadline will be June 20th. All articles and pictures should be turned into Richard on this date. Chairman's message, sporting clays event articles, Jan already had stuff on GNOSEF; Golf application needs to go in this newsletter as well as pictures and article on meritorious luncheon. We need to get pictures from Ben on this, Bernadette to get this from him or Charlie.

Blast Update (Jan): Jan meet with Barbara Palely (spelling) of BLAST. They are building LA Science & Technology. This is a good opportunity for the energy industry to participate. This years competition is Energy. Good topic to bring to Joint societies to be the promoter of event. Petroleum industry to speak 20-30 minutes at awards presentation to students, teachers, and parents. Or we could possibly have a certain category for fossil/fuel that have something to do with robotics. If the project that is fossil fuel related goes to world festival it would be \$1000 to sponsor. We could help stipend teachers, etc. lots of ways to participate. Registration for Blast started May 1 on September 15 they will announce the topic of Energy. Construction projects start September-November and competition to be held in December.

Energy Forum in alley of convention center could have different booths and give out information on careers available in our industries. We can determine how we'd like to pursue this. Jan also spoke with NOGS, Schlumberger, and emailed SIPES who expressed interest.

Jan will be getting with Barbara in the near future to get clarification and then we will host a joint luncheon meeting to present to all the societies.

Blast Board has all of the schools, science teachers for us to get to and contact for our programs. The exposure potential is HUGE!

(Carlos) How much money and how do we know its going to right place. Lets come up with a game plan. Also lets get more volunteers.

(Jan) Last year there were 35 teams. Going to see if we can direct our monies to petroleum industry without being a propaganda type thing.

Annette is going to help come up with ways to help us reach science teachers and or sectors.

Maybe to decorate a room for a class with the petroleum industry theme to reach classrooms and children. Ken suggested that maybe we could come up prepare some type of class lessons of some sort for teachers for basics of petroleum engineering (small curriculum). Craft something for the teachers. We would need volunteers from joint industries. Cathy recommended that we have teachers to help create this because they know the states requirements. We could pay the teachers a stipend to create this curriculum and develop it in a way that teachers will find exciting to teach.

Jan will also be getting with a couple of teachers at the beginning of June.

Additional (Ken): Ken is going to get t-shirt made for schools and or fairs to give away and have reference to our group and what better way than thru t-shirts because kids like wearing them.

Next Meeting June 20, 2007 Holiday Inn.

Meeting Adjourned.