

General Member Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2008
Meridian, Idaho
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Michael Bishop, President, Rick Church, Vice President, Robert Scott, Secretary, Steve Taylor, Nancy Taylor, Lori Church, Steve Gregory, Elizabeth Exner, Linda Lake, Donna Campbell, Craig Eisenbrandt, Pat Bates, Jeff Rice, Inaki Lete, Bill Werhane, Amy Ingram and Jerry Hughes. This meeting was also held over a conference call so those who could not attend in person may call in and participate. Teresa Duvall, Fred Bonser and Debbie Loy attended by telephonic participation.

1. Approval of Minutes - Rick moved to approve minutes. Jerry seconded. Motion passed.
2. Treasurer's Report – No Treasurer's Report was available since Jolene was unable to be present due to a family emergency.

Old Business

3. Teleconferencing – We implemented at the May meeting teleconferencing in order to reach out to those around the State and enable them to participate and vote on issues. If it works well today, we may need to purchase equipment to continue this process. It is 10 cents a minute to enable a conference line. We hope to have vendors come in and sponsor the meetings and offer them educational opportunities. Discussion took place. It was brought up that title companies have video conferencing at their facilities to use. Michael did check into some of those types of facilities but will check into more. The Skype system web cam may be an option for us to use as well since it is free. If two laptops are available with cameras we could possibly use this and try ahead of time. The drawback is that each person needs a laptop with Skype to participate in the meeting. \$2000 for the pod system we used at the last meeting.
4. Property Tax Committee – At the Board of Directors' meeting in October, Rich Church was approved as head of the Property Tax Committee with authority to address the legislature and represent the ISSA. Rick would like to hear suggestions from all members. Discussion took place on how our members were affected by this and can we affect any change. Rick's suggestion is to attack this at the state level rather than the county level and see if we can make any change and try to obtain a 3% cap. Bill Werhane, Carol Blackburn will be on the committee with Rick.
5. Board Member Vacancy Elections – Steve Taylor was nominated as a Board Member at the August meeting. Lori motioned to accept. Bill seconded. Motion passed. There is also a new vacancy available. Please let the Board know of any interested parties.

New Business

6. Conference 2009 Survey – Everyone should have received the Conference survey in the mail. Please send this in as soon as possible if you have not already. We need to move ahead with the planning of next year's event and want your feedback. Discussion was brought up that holding two conferences in the same year would be difficult with our budget as well as being difficult with our vendors. Discussion was held that it should be held where the most people are and make it as easy as possible. Input from the Northern

Idaho people is that it is cheap to fly from Spokane to Boise. We will need a conference committee earlier this year. It was brought up that we could tie into the National SSA Convention. Perhaps we could meet one night and talk about our state issues. The drawback would be that the smaller facilities that do not go to the national convention would be excluded. Working with other states to hold a meeting together might also be an option. These are issues that a committee needs to look into. Please let Michael know if you are interested in assisting with the event planning. Linda Lake volunteered to be on the committee.

7. Self Storage Now Free Subscription – Self Storage Now is a publication of Minco. They are offering all the State Associations free subscriptions to their magazine. Michael has taken them up on this free subscription so all our members should start receiving Self Storage Now sometime in January.
8. Bob Scott brought up that a calendar with auction dates from all facilities should be put together. He held an auction this morning and found out he was competing with six other auctions which cut into his attendance and affected the other auctions as well. It was decided to have everyone email their auction dates to Jennifer so it can be published on our website.
9. Speakers: Nancy Wendell and Trina Posluszny, IDOT Vehicle Liens. They brought a packet with information on vehicle lien sales and went through the process.
10. Bob Scott requested to speak and give some advice at the meeting. Bob had a sheriff issued a tax lien against a unit. The sheriff then rescinded it due to the filing of a bankruptcy by the unit holders. If you know of the filing of a bankruptcy by a unit holder, an automatic stay is in place against everything. No action can be taken until the Judge discharges the bankruptcy. The rent from the date of filing back cannot be collected on. The rent from the filing date forward can be collected. If a state tax lien is on it, you still cannot move forward. This could take years. Bob also opened a unit and there were boxes of financial documents. He had to call the Department of Commerce who will give permission to sell or not sell based on what is in the papers. The storage facility can be liable criminally if you do not call out an inspector from the Department of Commerce to research the paperwork so his advice is if you are not sure, call them.
11. Bob motioned to adjourn seconded by Steve Gregory. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Coggins, Executive Assistant
Acting Secretary