## FLORIDA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION BUILDERS COUNCIL Friday, January 10, 2014 Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Chapter

Broward Jim Smith Brian Kelly Gary Kaplan

Central Florida Alan Cooper Steve Bludsworth

Charlotte Harbor Pete Coccaro

East Central Florida Adam Beaty Coby Moore Casey Watson

Florida Gulf Coast

Florida West Coast Jim Guszkiewicz

Greater Miami

Manasota Rich Tarricone Rob Sanger Don Archer

North Central Florida Larry Losciale

Northeast Florida Jack Manilla Rick Schmitz Brian Curts

John Garner

Northwest Florida

Palm Beach David Villandry Jim Stevens
Polk County Keith Johnson Tim Sutton

Space Coast Debbie Pflug Dominick Montanaro Terri Underwood Payton

Tampa Bay Ken McKenna Tim Converse

Treasure Coast Vincent Fuggetta Robert Miller Mickey Sigmon

Ken Parker

Chapter Staff / Staff Wendy Parker Barsell Bernice Ryder-Smit Kate Vella

Maggie Kloepfer Shannon Adams Andy Mallison

Malinda Howard

Guests Alex Fletcher, VakPak/UPSA

April Nielsen, APSP Chairman

Jennifer Hatfield, J. Hatfield and Associates

## **Discussion:**

Jennifer Hatfield read the Antitrust Statement.

Jennifer gave an FBC update. She reported that the 2013 Florida Building Code will go into effect December 31, 2014.

Jennifer Hatfield gave the CILB update. She reported that the CILB responses to declaratory statements pertaining to the construction of a pool by a general contractor and sub-contracting to a sub that holds a county license have been received. The official responses do not include all the conversation the board members had, some of which Roy Lenois feels will be important for FSPA to have on record. The only way to get this information is to purchase the court reporter transcripts, which cost over \$100 per transcript.

A motion was presented (Rob Sanger) and SECONDED (David Villandry) to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase the declaratory statement transcripts. After discussion the motion passed.

Jennifer Hatfield reported that she will be working with DBPR to legislatively fix the decking issue for all three licenses.

The 2015 ISPSC has been finalized and should come out soon for publication. Members of the Council should purchase a copy to review, as the code could potentially be adopted into the 2016 Florida Building Code. Highlights of FSPA recommended changes include: The language referring to an aquatic vessel has been removed and travertine has been added; however APSP was not able to get liquid covers added. There is not enough data pertaining to liquid covers and energy efficiency.

Jennifer Hatfield gave the APSP Standards Update.

The 2013 revision of APSP-7 was ANSI approved in September and adopted into the 2015 ISPSC. This revised 7 standard will be more "user friendly," as there are no velocity requirements. FSPA Builders should purchase copies in advance of the next opportunity to update reference standards into the Florida Building Code, to make sure they understand the changes and can support them. APSP will be developing a Water Conservation and Sustainability Standard, APSP-13. Committee formation and drafting will begin shortly. FSPA members that are interested in participating should contact Carvin DiGiovanni.

The 2013 revision of APSP-3, residential in-ground spas standard, was ANSI approved in late December. This is another standard that builders who build in-ground spas should obtain prior to the next time the Florida Building Code is updating its referenced standards, as this would be on the table to be included, like all standards that have been updated. The APSP-2 public in-ground spa standard is under revision, slated to be finalized late spring this year.

Jennifer Hatfield reminded the Council that the 2013 FBC will have the 2012 APSP-4 (aboveground pools) standard, the 2011 APSP-5 (residential in-ground) standard, 2013 APSP-6 (portable spa) standard, and 2013 APSP-15 (energy with Addenda A fix) standard. A 2013 version of APSP-4, that provided an Addenda A fix, has been ANSI approved, but did not make it into the 2013 FL Code, it, like APSP-7 and APSP-3 revisions, will be eligible for the next code update.

Under old business Wendy Parker Barsell reported that the FBA conference is scheduled for April. FSPA is working with Pentair to offer training. Keith Johnson will attend. FSPA has invited them to come to the Show. They may register for courses and walk the exhibit hall.

Under New Business the Council discussed additional legislative items for 2014 and beyond. If the residential and commercial licenses' are moved into Division I consumers would have access to the recovery fund and make it easier to pursue the Jim Walters exemption for sub contractors.

A motion was presented (John Garner) and SECONDED (Steve Hackl) to task Jennifer Hatfield with finding out what it would take move the residential and commercial pool contractor's license to Division I. After discussion the motion passed.

Pete Coccaro reported that there is an increase in incidents where building departments are making changes without notifying the contractors. In some cases the changes are unreasonable and result in inspections being withheld. It was suggested that FSPA approach BOAF for assistance.

Jennifer Hatfield then reported that water management districts are making changes to go to online permitting, but decrease fees. This would affect those who install geothermal heat pumps.

Meeting adjourned.