

**INDIANA OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 8, 2008**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Howard Nevins at 10:03 a.m. CST. Members in attendance included President Howard Nevins, Vice President Tom Nichols, Legal Advisor Steve Link, Treasurer Jason Smith, Directors Mike Cash, Warren Hanks, J. Roy Dee, Ron Graul, Mark Peach, Bill Collins, Frank Lindsey, Neil McCrary, and Secretary Jenna Sibert.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 6, 2007 meeting were reviewed. It was brought to our attention that Mike McClear's name was misspelled in the previous minutes; a motion to change the spelling from "McClure" to "McCleaer" passed unanimously. The motion to accept the amended minutes was then made by Bill Collins and seconded by Warren Hanks

**FINANCIALS**

Financials as of April 8, 2008 were presented by Treasurer Jason Smith. It was added that the annual meeting made \$3400 profit. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mike Cash and seconded by Ron Graul. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. "Water Out of Tank Batteries" – No Update
- B. "Top Plug"
  - a. Reinstate meetings of Subcommittee to draft an action request letter
- C. Mineable Coal Seams
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Education/Scholarship**

Members discussed the scholarship program. Jason Smith has mailed out numerous letters to high schools. The deadline is set at May 15<sup>th</sup>. The board decided to distribute two or three scholarships at \$1,000 each.

**B. Picnic/Golf Outing**

The upcoming Golf Outing will be held the June 6th, 2008 at the Countrymark Co-Op Golf Course and Shelter house in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. It was decided that the golf fees should be raised from \$45 to \$50 dollars. The new Equipment Show has had many difficulties, but \$500 Gold Sponsors will be offered a space to display their equipment. The menu will be the same as last year. A maximum of 64 golfers was set.

**C. Annual Dinner/Expo**

October 3, 2008 has been tentatively reserved at Casino Aztar for this year's annual meeting. Guest speaker and workshop ideas were discussed. Mark Peach suggested a condensed human resources workshop dealing primarily with unemployment and workman's compensation laws. Other suggestions included the ExxonMobil industry speakers, API Speakers Bureau, and an SPE presentation of new polymer chemicals and treatments.

**D. Awards**

Frank Lindsey discussed the Hall of Fame and Facility of the Year awards. It was noted that specific criteria needs to be established for the Hall of Fame nominees.

**E. Environmental Advisory Board**

Mike Cash discussed the Point Township project. There are 14 unplugged wells and four tanks; with the help of a metal detector, all 14 wells were found and four have already been plugged. The cost was estimated at \$7900 per well, as the four-well plugging job was approximately \$37000 total. There are two wells in Posey County that plan to be plugged soon.

**F. Legal/Bylaws**

Steve Link will be getting a copy of the most recent bylaws to Jenna Sibert for posting on the INOGA website.

**G. Nominating**

Don Fiscus was suggested as a possible nominee for this year's Hall of Fame ceremony.

**H. Public Relations**

Ron Graul reported that he now has an updated "Media Contact" list for the area.

**I. Website**

Jenna Sibert reported that the INOGA website, [www.inoga.org](http://www.inoga.org), had been completely redesigned. The new website features the links "About INOGA," "News," "Calendar," "Committees," "Board of Directors," "Member Websites," "Photo Gallery," "Current Legislation," "Become a Member," "Awards," "Job Opportunities," "Industry Links," "Archive," and "Contact." The "About Us," "News," and "Photo Gallery" pages are still under construction, as limited information is currently available. Anyone who has information or images they are willing to share is asked to please contact Jenna.

**J. Newsletter**

It was determined that publishing a regular newsletter would be a strain on all involved. As an alternative, the secretary will e-mail out any news or events that may be of interest to the INOGA members. Board members were encouraged to submit any articles or information to the secretary for distribution.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. STRONGER Review – The STRONG Subcommittee, consisting of Howard Nevins, Steve Link, and Mike Cash, will be meeting with Hershel McDivitt in Indianapolis; discussions will include GST permits, forced pooling, and horizontal drilling.
- B. Ivy Tech - Ivy Tech’s Princeton facility is considering offering new courses, including a Land Man course and an Oilfield Worker Safety course. It was decided by the board that the Land Man course would be better answered by the AAPL. It was also discussed that a similar class had been tried during the last “boom” but that the boom was over by the time many graduates had finished their classes. Jason Smith will follow up.
- C. Indiana Ad Valorem Taxes – Indiana is now using a reference price of \$93.00 for the price of crude. It was agreed that this will force a disproportionate amount of taxes onto the oil industry. Directors were urged to contact their legislators and representatives.
- D. Proposed 5% tax in Illinois – Illinois has proposed forcing a gross tax of 5% on oil producers & royalty owners. Directors were again urged to contact their legislators and representatives.
- E. Drilling Units, Well Spacing, Voluntary Production Unit - DRAFT – a meeting date and time will be set up with Herschel McDivitt to go over the proposed changes. This will affect the guidelines currently in effect for horizontal well spacing and drilling units.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- 1. The possibility of adding full-time, paid staff was discussed. The feasibility was questioned, as INOGA currently has a very limited budget. The dues structure would have to be modified and office space would likely need to be donated for this to be a consideration. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
- 2. The situation with the roads in Warrick County was discussed. Currently, Warrick County is requiring oil field servicing companies and operators to post bonds at asphalt companies to be allowed to move their equipment; if any damage is seen to the roadways after traveling, the company’s account may be charged. Road posting in general and the apparent favoritism of farmers, in addition to the authority and legality of these actions and the responsibility of INOGA, were all discussed. A debate ensued, but no final decision was reached.
- 3. The conference room in the Hampton Inn hotel is now reopened; board members decided that the hotel conference room was preferred for future meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jenna Bree Sibert