

Minutes of SOAR meeting
August 10, 2021

Jerry Redington called the meeting to order with 27 members present. Roll call of officers was taken, Joe Coates and Susan Walt, Secretary were absent. Jerry thanked Mary Meier for taking minutes at last month's meeting and said that Wayne Komprood would fill in today for Susan. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Wayne Komprood. There was one correction and one addition. The amount recorded was \$3,087.48, the actual was \$3,082.48. It was also noted that Medicare will take \$230.00 from each level II asbestos claim and \$410.00 from each level III asbestos claim, regardless if you used Medicare or the VA. After corrections the minutes were approved.

Geri Hendren reported that the balance in the treasury was \$3,082.48, approved the report.

A question came from the floor in regard to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield class action law suit. Jerry Redington said that one woman did what was asked to get her share of it, she got \$2.78 and said it was not worth it. Jerry did say that VEBA trustees have discussed following up on it to see if they could get reimbursed for us.

Wayne reported that he was contacted by the asbestos attorneys in regard to the changing of brakes in the equipment at the plant. He gave them three names of people who were willing to talk to them. Also was contacted by attorneys in regard to talc used in the plant. In talking to a banbury specialist he said all slurry brought in to the plant was premixed and received from MC Chemical in Rockford. The attorneys contacted them and got the information they needed.

Jerry Redington said that after nearly 20 years as treasurer Geri Hendren will be resigning after the next meeting. Ron Ethridge was recommended by the Executive Board and said he would accept the position. Kim Kopp made the motion to approve Ron taking the job and Leo Patterson seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote he was approved by membership. Thanks, Ron.

Jerry asked for ideas on what we could do for the Salvation Army Toy Drive. In the past we have given up to \$1700.00 thru gate drops and collections at our meetings. After little input it was decided to bring it back up at the next meeting.

Jerry gave a short report on the status on Veba and it looks promising.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Komprood, Pro-tem