

The Illinois 1752 Club

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January 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Jim's Steakhouse – Bloomington, IL

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

Seven Bridges Golf Club

One Mulligan Drive – Woodridge, IL

2009-10 Officers:

President – Carl Konstant

Treasurer – Jack Newman

Vice President – John Immordino

Secretary – Donna Murphy

Officer at Large- John LaSavage

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m by Carl.

Secretary's Report – The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer was unable to attend however Carl spoke with him and there are sufficient funds to continue Club operations.

Spring Clinic: Chair – John Immordino; Members – John Lasavage; Jack LiCausi; John Botkin; Jack Newman; Mary Kay McNichols; Sheila Minniti; Ron Michalski

The program for the Clinic will be a two-stage format. There will be a one hour panel discussion on the current insurance climate, followed by three hours of Ethics presented in a game-show format. Tickets and brochures should be available at the next meeting on February 18th. It was mentioned by John I. that although there should be no issue with having the Ethics program approved for CE credits, the program will not have been finalized and approved before the tickets and brochures are printed and therefore must list that "CE is pending". John I. is still working on the program with Rick Pitts, and he will be responsible for having all materials needed for the program.

Discussion was held whether there was a limit for attendees for the Ethics program. John I. confirmed with Sandy Cuffle of the IIA of Illinois that there was no limit as to the number of attendees for the program. She also stated that there needs to be one sign in and one sign out sheet.

Discussion was had on the amount of food and choices for the light lunch and appetizers afterwards. Carl will contact Jack Newman for a deposit check and will contact Seven Bridges regarding the selections. It was also decided to move the time for appetizers up to 5:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. as it was last year.

Jack Newman is responsible for the Marketplace and will be in touch with Bob Baggot as to the sponsor board.

Ticket prices are to remain the same at \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door.

Scholarship: Chair – Bob Baggot; Members – Steve Lager; Julie Wright

Club members need to encourage agency personnel to apply for scholarships for those attaining the CIC or CISR designations. The Club gave out 6 scholarships last year. The scholarship application will be on the website. Please note that agency principals and owners are not eligible for the scholarship.

Legislative: Chair – Donna Murphy; Member – John LaSavage- new backup co-chairman

Some of the new legislation which became law as of 1/1/10 was discussed. Some of the highlights are:

- HB 72 prohibits drivers from using cell phones in school or construction zones unless it is a hands-free device.
- HB2284 requires that all non highway vehicles operated on a street, highway or roadway be subject to the minimum liability insurance limits of Illinois law.
- HB71 prohibits those operating a motor vehicle from using an electronic communication device, like phone or computer, to compose, send or read an e-mail. This does not include a GPS or other navigation system.
- HB3956 increases the speed limit to 65 mph for big trucks traveling on interstates outside of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties

The DuPage and Lake County chapters of the IIA of Illinois have scheduled their legislative events for Friday, January 22nd. The State Insurance Industry Legislative Day has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center in Springfield, IL.

For more information regarding these events, or a complete listing of new legislation now in effect, please browse the site of the Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois by clicking on the link: <http://www.iaofillinois.org>. The state association is always looking for new members! There is a lot of good information on their website regarding their programs and services.

Membership: Chair –John LaSavage; Members – Carl Konstant

The IL 1752 Club is always looking for new members! We encourage members to attend our meetings and feel free to bring along a co-worker or colleague to any of our meetings.

Golf Outing: Chair – Mark Lipski; Member – Marilyn Kogut, Jack Newman, Jim Smith, John LaSavage

The Outing will be May 27, 2010 at the same course in Oregon, IL as last year. Discussion was had on holding the dinner at the golf course as opposed to an area restaurant. As an alternative site for the outing, Jim Tramm suggested Timber Creek Inn & Suites, located in Sandwich, IL. More discussion and details will follow.

Web Services: Chair – Roger Schlink; Member – Arthur Cizek

The website has been updated with latest copies of the minutes and other items. Once the Spring Clinic brochures have been printed, Roger will update the website with information about the Clinic and also scholarship information.

Agent of the year: Luke Praxmarer from Corkhill Insurance will be the Agent of the Year.

Marketing Person of the Year: Maybe should be altered to two years: Carl Konstant

Reservation: Chair – Donna Murphy; Member – Steve Lager

The next meeting will be at Seven Bridges Golf Club on Thursday, Feb, 18th.

The 1752 Club meets the third Thursday of the month (with some exceptions) at 3:00 p.m. Future 1752 Club Meeting dates are:

February 18th- Seven Bridges Golf Club – Woodridge, IL

March 18th- Walter Payton’s Roundhouse- Aurora, IL

April 29th- Seven Bridges Golf Club – Woodridge, IL (bring your tickets!)

May 4th – Spring Clinic- Seven Bridges Golf Course – Woodridge, IL

May 27th- Golf Outing- Silver Ridge Golf Course - Oregon, IL

Old Business:

None

New Business:

It was brought up whether those attending the meetings contribute a nominal amount towards appetizers and refreshments. The reasoning is that our meetings are held at restaurants, (not in a paid private room) and would allow the restaurant to receive some business from our meetings.

The state association, IIA or Illinois, is really looking to increase their membership. Since they are doing a lot to help our club grow, they ask us to push any agents that are not members to join the association. Also, if any members are looking for producers or have questions about any agencies, please contact Peter Gulatto at 815-871-4276 and he may be able to assist you.

The meeting was called to adjourn by Bob Baggot at 4:20 pm, seconded by John Botkin.

Employment Opportunities:

If anyone knows of an open position, or is seeking a position, please forward your information and we will distribute to our membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Murphy, Secretary

Membership Application – Annual Dues for 09-10 = \$40

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company/Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

In making this application for the membership in the Illinois 1752 Club, I understand that I am joining a non-profit professional insurance organization dedicated to promoting insurance knowledge for The American Agency System, continuing education of the membership and the insurance industry in general. In accordance with these stated purposes of the Illinois 1752 Club, I hereby include with my membership application, full annual club dues of \$40.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor: _____

Mail to: Jack Newman, Treasurer
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