

**VBCOA REGION VII
MINUTES
February 17, 2016**

ATTENDEES:

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| G. David Selph | Middlesex County |
| Teresa Davis | Colonial Beach |
| Jamie Wilks | Mathews County |
| Mike Eutsey | Hanover County |
| Larry Germain | Hanover County |
| Paul Koll | Gloucester County |
| William ‘Bill’ Riter | Gloucester County |
| Steve Daum | Lancaster County |
| Paul Brunkow | Westmoreland County |
| Alwyn W. ‘Wyn’ Davis | Essex County |
| Valrae Negley | VA-DHCD/SCBO |
| Herald F. Good, Jr. | SFMO-TRO |

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mike Eutsey called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January meeting minutes were approved as submitted

PRESENTATION:

Owen Gechter, CFM, FRE from Smart Vent Products, Inc. presented a program on foundation flood vents.

- Flood vents protect structures and lower flood insurance premiums.
- 2012 Biggert-Waters and 2014 Grimm-Waters Acts reformed the flood insurance program by phasing out federal insurance subsidies for pre-FIRM structures.
- Wet proofing is allowed only for commercial structures.
- See FEMA Technical Bulletin 1 for specifications for openings in foundation walls
 - Engineered vs. non-engineered flood vents
- Flood vents are required in VE zone break-away walls
- ASCE 24-12 is the design standard for engineered flood vents
- Vents shall not have screens or grills that prevent the passage of debris and shall allow passage of a 3” diameter sphere
- Vents shall be bi-directional...allow automatic entry and exit of flood waters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Scholarship to VT- Structural Design Topics in Wood Construction being held May 16-18, 2016 in Roanoke course was awarded to Brian Mikelaites from New Kent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Val Negley distributed informational handouts regarding 1) cdpVA (for the VA Code Update Process), 2) whole house ventilation and 3) VA HB2094 which amends Code of VA section 19.2-8 Limitation of prosecutions (for Building Code violations).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Brad Hudson forwarded a written report on actions taken by the Awards and Resolutions committee; copies of the report were distributed to members present.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

NEXT MEETING DATE, PLACE and TIME

- The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am, March 16, 2016 at the Cook's Corner Office Complex, 2911 General Puller Highway, 2 miles east of Saluda on Rte. 33.

David Selph, Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Eutsey, Chairman