

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE  
HISTORICAL BOILERS LICENSING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES –OCTOBER 24, 2012**

The Historical Boilers Licensing Board met on October 24, 2012 at the offices of the Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

**I. Call to Order & Swearing in of New Board Member**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Lashaway at 10:00 a.m. and Mr. Scott Holp was sworn in by Division Attorney Jim Turner.

**II. Roll Call**

**Board Members:**

Jim Lashaway, Chairman  
Bruce Babcock  
Richard Oeder  
Dan Rufener  
John McDowell  
Scott Holp

**Also Present:**

Jerry DeLong, Boiler Inspector Supervisor  
John Sharier, Boiler Inspector Supervisor  
Nancy Duffee, Legal Administrative Assistant

**III. Old Business**

**Review of minutes from March 14, 2012 & Special Meeting June 13, 2012:**

The Board Members took a few minutes to review both sets of meeting minutes. There was only one change to the March 14, 2012 minutes: Brenda Stanton's last name should be "Stant." Nancy agreed to make that change. John McDowell moved to accept the minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and Mr. Oeder seconded the motion. Dan Rufener moved to accept the minutes from the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and John McDowell approved. Both motions carried with no objections and the Chairman signed the minutes, making them official. Mrs. Duffee will post them on the website.

**Update on filling board vacancy and reappointment of current board members:**

Both Jim Lashaway and Dan Rufener reported that they had recently received their reappointment letters. Mrs. Duffee reported that both John McDowell and Richard Oeder terms expire this month. She mentioned that when Superintendent Williamson meets with the Director on a monthly basis, board reappointments are one of the subjects covered. Since there seems to be some discrepancies with a few Board member re-appointment dates, Nancy will review the history of each and, as Richard suggested, will maintain a list of all potential expiration dates.

Continue discussion of safety valves built in the same time frame as historical boilers. Review data on V and UV certified valves and what is the background for allowing those differences:

A lengthy discussion on the background of this topic ensued for the benefit of new board member Scott Holp and the other attendees at the meeting. Bruce Babcock stated that, to his knowledge, there was nothing manufactured today that is bottom guided with a beveled seat. He did note, however, that the old Kunkle valve was being sold as a UV valve and it was bottom guided/bevel seat, but as far as he knew the only difference between a UV valve and a V-stamped valve is capacity. Dan Rufener added that he saw in a catalog that they had one valve that was certified as either a V-stamped valve or a UV. It was the same model valve and the capacity was determined at either a 3% accumulation for a V-stamped valve or for a UV is was 10% accumulation (or over pressure). That was the point at which they determined capacity and that might explain the difference. John McDowell noted that he didn't believe it was a critical issue if it was a beveled seat or a flat seat and as long as it is bottom-guided it was going to do a good job. Jim Lashaway added that the reason this continues to be an agenda items it so that the Board can research and see what is out there. It would be a good idea for Dean to check to see if we could get an opinion from the National Board. Bruce added that when he was working with the National Board on their task force for historical boilers he specifically requested that they consider approving the use of UV valves, but it was not even considered. Bruce has stated before and continues to believe that they are forcing so much more capacity through a valve and they are shrinking in size. As long as common sense is involved and if they're sizing it right below the capacity of the valve, operators should simply go up one nozzle size when they choose a valve. Another point Bruce raised in regards to safety valves and capacity: When he sees an engine on a brake or a transfer sled where the valve is wide open and the engine is putting out full horsepower, (maybe the front wheel is off the ground and popping), there is a need to take a good look at the capacity of those valves. He doesn't think the valve is relieving the capacity of the boiler and believes that's the problem. Jerry expressed an additional concern whether that engine was even made to be doing that pull. Chairman Lashaway ended the discussion with another point regarding side discharge safety valves and the fact that there is no requirement for an elbow to push the steam up in the air; especially on the boilers with a low dome when the steam pushes out into the crowd. It was noted that, in some cases, operators can't see where they are going. All board members agreed that it could be something they would suggest.

Agenda Item for next board meeting and referring back to the March 14 meeting minutes:  
Dean will try to obtain a speaker from the National Board for our next meeting.

#### IV. New Business

New initiative for State of Ohio/ Department of Commerce Ethics Training:

Mrs. Duffee stated that the Department of Commerce is implementing a new on-line ethics training course so that all Board Members can meet the yearly mandatory requirement set forth by Governor Kasich. They will be rolling this out prior to the end of the year. Nancy will follow-up with all board members as information becomes available to her.

Report on any historical boiler operator training courses applications for 2012 or private training courses completed in Ohio in 2012.

1. Approved course for April 24, 2012 for Somerset Steam & Gas Association in Virginia
2. Class conducted on March 17, 2012, Boss course in Arcanum
3. Jerry Delong added that, in approximately June 2012, a course was given as an extension to The Boss curriculum as presented by JS. Company ,

A discussion ensued regarding the requirements for taking the exam. Mr. Delong reiterated his guidelines and stated that applicants must have two things: The experience and schooling (unless grandfathered).

Report on 2012 state testing completed for Ohio boiler operator certificates.

1. Fifteen (15) tested and 15 passed on March 18, 2012
2. Two (2) tested and 2 passed on August 7, 2012

Report on 2012 inspections of historical boilers.

There are 46 certificate inspections and 129 active historical boilers licensed by Ohio.

Open discussion for new items to be reviewed by the board.

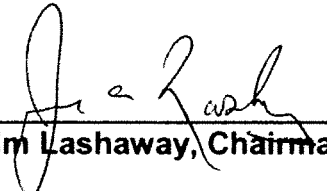
Jerry commented that the group at Wauseon has a fantastic safety committee where other clubs do not. There are particular standards at Wauseon where if something were to happen, operators would know exactly what to do. He noted that there appears to be a lack in oversight and inconsistencies in some clubs.

V. Schedule Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be set for Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

VI. Adjourn

Chairman Lashaway entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Holp moved to adjourn and Dan Rufener seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

  
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Jim Lashaway, Chairman

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