

Minutes

Technical Bag Committee
Institute of Packaging Professionals

Winter Meeting
Bilmar Beach Resort, St. Petersburg, Florida
January 19 -21, 2009

The 2009 winter meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Feeny at 8:00 AM on January 20th and the anti trust rules for the TBC and IoPP were read followed by introductions of the attendees.

Presentation by Stuart Sharpe of Exopack “PSSMA – what is being done about Carbon Footprints and what is their current direction”. Copy included.

Presentation by Jessica Bodine of MICA “Extrusion lamination of Polywoven bags – an overview of primers and resins”. Copy included.

Presentation by Rusty Koenigkramer of ZipPak “Reclosable technology for large bags (MWVP, WPP and lamination) and newly developed systems”. Copy included.

Meeting recessed at lunch for an abbreviated visit to Bob Nelson boat and group dinner that evening.

Meeting called back to order by Chairmen Feeny on January 21st and the anti trust rules were read again.

Bob Langston presented the PSSMA report and commented that the industry now includes 35 production locations and that apparent shipments declined 2.8% through October of 2008 compared to the prior year. Shipments are now at the lowest tonnage levels since 2002. PSSMA report included.

Future meetings:

- The group confirmed by assent that the next winter meeting will be held at the Bilmar Resort and a contract was executed after the close of the meeting.
- A lengthy discussion followed regarding the location of future meetings and the number of meetings held per year. The executive committee recommended three meeting per year with a meeting in Greenville, SC in May and a final meeting in Las Vegas to coincide with Pack Expo October 5th – 7th. Possible conflicts for the May meeting with CPC were noted. Jessica Bodine made a motion that the group meet two times year, seconded by Sylvan Beaulieu, and passed unanimously. The group confirmed by assent that the fall meeting will be held during Pack Expo in Las Vegas. A show of hands indicated that 6 of the 13 members in attendance would stay at the TBC sponsored hotel with the remainder staying at company sponsored hotels.

Membership – the group discussed the possibility of naming a membership chairman to recruit new members for TBC and also query IoPP on their system of directing new members to various technical committees. Chairman Feeney volunteered to contact IoPP regarding this issue. After discussion, the members concluded that the most effective manner for soliciting new members was the active participation of existing members in this effort and all were charged by the Chair to do so.

General Business topics and presentations for the next meeting:

- Densification: Thomas Reckersdress of Haver Filling Systems offered to make a presentation on this subject at the fall meeting.
- Palletization: The Chair will request a presentation on this subject from Dick Sampson.
- Resin Supply: Dow Chemical or another of the major PE/OPP suppliers will be contacted by the Chair regarding a presentation at the fall meeting.

Meeting adjourned.