Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 7, 2009  
Meeting Place:  
Eastern Idaho JATC  
190 Wilson St.  
Blackfoot, ID 83221

Officers Present:  
Matt Gardner-Chairman  
Mike Breed-Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting was convened at 6:45

Chairman Matt Gardner welcomed all in attendance

Self introductions were made.

Program:  
Jack Gleason of Gleason-Tait Marketing, Inc. Displayed and demonstrated new Woodford hydrant valves. He explained the operation of numerous models, including the new models of freezeless/burstless hydrants that feature a pressure reducing valve that relieves pressure back into the water system to prevent bursting, and also feature double check valves.
Hot and cold faucets for outside use were displayed and demonstrated. Jack showed how simple the upgrading of older models to the burstless can be. He explained how the double check valves and vacuum breakers can be used to upgrade older model hydrants.

Roof mount hydrants were discussed and Jack showed us the new Woodford mounting system, which allows the hydrant to be installed later if needed without compromising the roof.

Jack explained the advantage of using the new Woodford mounting sleeve. The sleeve takes the guesswork out of stub outs for faucets to be mounted through brick, stone or stucco and the drain angle is automatically set by the sleeve. Mike asked Jack where his products are made, Jack told him all Woodford products are made in Colorado Springs, CO, MADE IN USA!!

Sioux Chief in-line testing tees were demonstrated, and Jack explained the advantages of using the testing tees versus test balls. Jack explained that some cities impose stiff fines for test balls that are retrieved at the waste water treatment plants.

Jack was thanked for his exceptional program.

The agenda for the upcoming Plumbing Board was distributed for discussion. Matt pointed out that the practical testing is on the agenda therefore not a dead issue. Mike passed out a letter he has written to address the practical testing issue, explaining the need for practical testing in a laboratory setting. He explained that the letter was to be distributed to legislators if the Plumbing Board didn’t address this issue. It was decided to hold off on the distribution to legislators until after the Board meeting to see if they take action.

Next Meeting date is to be determined.

Matt thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Recorded by Mike Breed