Minutes for November 17th, 2015 NEHERS Board

- Roll call:
  - Present: Doug McCleery, Frank Swol, Tony Lisanti, Jenn Parsons, Laurie Didonato, Bruce Bennett,
  - Absent: Mark Hutchins, Emelie Cuppernell, Peter Hubbe, Mark Newey,

Meeting called to order by Tony Lisanti at 1:07pm

- Announcements/Reminders
  - Approval of Slate:
    - 2 positions up for election:
      - Frank Swol,
      - Doug McCleery
      - Brett Pevear, The BER
    - We will need someone to count the ballots (survey Monkey results) when completed. We won’t have a committee. Tony made a motion to approve the slate as listed above. Jenn Seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.
    - Laurie will collect biographies and statement of interest for each candidate. Then Laurie will schedule a “meet the candidates” webinar. Election will be held in January, electronically.
  - Membership Dues:
    - Should we increase in 2016? We did increase 2 years ago. Laurie showed the membership cost table. We compared the financials from September to see what membership dues collected looked like. We seemed comfortable with where the collection stood at and felt that we don’t need to increase membership fees in 2016. We will leave them the same in 2016 per the group discussion.
  - Insurance:
    - Our insurance is up for renewal next week. Emelie is out of the office now for personal reasons, so Laurie wanted to see if Tony could sign in her absence. Laurie will send the information to Tony.
  - Training
    - A lot of last minute sign-ups for online. Brought total to 9 in the classroom and some online too. Laurie calculated profit at $1,830.93.
    - Evaluations looked good. The training went smoothly. Laurie hasn’t gotten the final tally of pass rates from Brett and Eurihea from The BER who taught the class yet. No one had any comments about the new manual at the training. Seemed to go fine.
    - We sent manuals to Martha’s Vineyard for a special training.

- Professional Development
  - We didn’t have a training in November
  - Should we hold a candidates one in December? State of the Alliance webinar?
- Frank would like to have someone from Energy Gauge present perhaps. He received a call from them and will call them back.
- Laurie hasn’t heard back from EkoTrope yet. We will probably hold a Board members webinar meeting before the general membership will hear Energy Gauge and EkoTrope present.
- We may hold a webinar to explain the REM/Rate v 15 changes and how that impacts the HERS Index.

- Secretary’s Report (Jenn Parsons)
  - Approval of Minutes
    - October: Doug made motion to approve October meeting minutes, Frank seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

- Treasurer’s Report (Mark Newey)
  - Mark Newey wasn’t present.
  - No financial documents available from Serra

- Frank made motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:52pm. Bruce seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.