I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Brian A. Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Brian Feyerherm
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy Schaap

Others Present:
Allen Brown, Douglas County Health Department
Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2015

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2015 meeting. Second by Mr. Miller.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Schaap,

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. Salem arrived to the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

III. *Cases

15-9-125
Kevin M Lutz – KA Sales
10731 W 101st
Overland Park, KS 66214
REQUEST
Approval of continuing education provider, instructor, & class
49-215

Mr. Kevin Lutz with KA Sales appeared before the Plumbing Board requesting approval of continuing education provider, instructor, and class. Mr. Lutz stated he has been approached to teach classes in the Omaha area.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve KA Sales as a provider for continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0
Mr. Lutz has been in the plumbing trade for 39 years; the last 14 years in sales. He has been an instructor for the past five years teaching contractors, architects, and engineers. Mr. Lutz is a master plumber in Kansas City, Missouri. He is trained in design, installation, and repair of plumbing systems and has attended individual trainings from manufacturers regarding safety valves in the home and commercial applications.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Kevin Lutz as a continuing education instructor for pressure balance and thermostatic valves. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

The class will be entitled Shower Safety Valves 101. The class will take apart valves, learn the different components of the valves, how to install them, learn which one to use for the flow rates, and how to troubleshoot them. At the end of the talk, Mr. Lutz will run through how to build a custom shower. The class will last approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours depending on how many questions are asked.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve this one-hour continuing education class regarding thermostatic and pressure valves. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

15-9-126
Jack Miller – Omaha Winnelson Supply Company  REQUEST  Renewal of continuing education provider, instructor, & class
2121 S 48 Street
Omaha NE 68106 49-215

Mr. Jack Miller appeared before the Plumbing Board requesting renewal of continuing education provider, instructor, and class. Mr. Miller stated Omaha Winnelson has been a provider for many years.

Mr Estabrook made a motion to approve Omaha Winnelson Supply Company as a provider for continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Jack Miller has been an approved instructor for continuing education classes for the past 10 years.

Mr Estabrook made a motion to renew Jack Miller as a continuing education instructor for plumbing code. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0
Mr. Miller is requesting four credit hours for his class on plumbing code.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Jack Miller’s four-hour code class for continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

15-9-127
John Perlebuch – Buck’s Inc
7315 Mercy Rd
Omaha NE 68124

REQUEST Waiver as regards required exterior grease interceptor
Location: 5718 Northwest Radial Highway
49-1104

Mr. John Perlebuch appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding an exterior grease interceptor at 5718 Northwest Radial Highway. This is a Bucky’s convenience store. Mr. Perlebach stated all food items are precooked or premade other than the vegetables. The dough is premade and frozen. The pretzels are premade, and the sandwiches are premade/precooked and warmed in the microwave. For those reasons, he does not wish to add a grease interceptor at this time. Mr. Rick Hiatt with RDH Engineering is the design engineer and stated this facility is piped for a grease interceptor if the menu changes in the future. Mr. Wonder stated that the Planning Department feels pizza is considered greasy. Mr. Perlebuch stated the pizza pans are wiped down and placed on racks to air dry. The food is packaged in cardboard. There are no dishes to be washed.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the waiver for the grease interceptor for Bucky’s located at 5718 Northwest Radial Highway with the stipulation that this grease interceptor waiver is based on the kitchen configuration shown on the plans that we received today with the option that a grease interceptor could be added if the kitchen makes changes in the future. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

NAYS: Estabrook

Motion carried: 6-1

15-9-128
Willie Douglas – Malibu Homes
21008 Cumberland Drive
Omaha NE 68022

REQUEST Waiver as regards fixture requirements
Location: 20809 Cumberland Drive
49-636

Mr. Jesse Calabretto appeared before the Board representing Mr. Willie Douglas regarding a waiver for fixture requirements at 20809 Cumberland Drive. This business is 3D Self Storage. The owner is requesting a waiver of fixtures on the lower and second level due to use of the business. Mr. Wonder stated that the plans were flagged in review due to fixture requirements on each floor. Mr. Wonder stated the drawings show the restrooms opening up into the office area. Since the office could be closed, the restrooms need to be available to others in the warehouse. The City does not have a problem with this waiver because of the use of this business as a storage facility, but they do want to see the restrooms accessible to their customers at all times.
Motion by Mr. Reed to approve this waiver of fixtures required on the lower level and upper level of this storage facility at this location only with the stipulation that the restrooms on the main level be reconfigured to allow 24-hour access to all customers. Any change of use of this property would negate this waiver. Second by Amy Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Reed, Salem, Schaap

NAYS: Estabrook, Miller

Motion carried: 5-2

Charlie Yin REQUEST Waiver as regards Showers
1223 S 11 Street Location: 1223 South 11 Street
Omaha NE 68108 49-620

Mr. Charlie Yin and Mr. Jesse Calabretto appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a linear shower drain at 1223 S 11 Street in the master shower. Mr. Calabretto stated the Infinity trench drain is all stainless steel. The Board discussed that the clamping ring is the most important element with these drains.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve this waiver to allow the Infinity linear drain at 1223 South 11 Street. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

Scott Matthews REQUEST Waiver as regards continuing education for 2015
4132 M Street Location: 49-215
Omaha NE 68107

Mr. Wonder addressed the Board on Mr. Scott Matthews’ behalf. Mr. Wonder received a phone call from Mr. Matthews’ brother who stated that due to medical issues, Scott is hospitalized and will not be able to attend continuing education classes this year. Mr. Matthews is requesting a waiver for his 2015 continuing education credits be held over until next year.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the waiver for 2015 continuing education hours for Mr. Matthews. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0
IV. Apprenticeship Agreements

Ian A Begemann
304 North How Ave
Murray NE 68409

Tony Leonardo Plumbing
5012 54th Street
Nehawka NE 68413

Mr. Ian Begemann is requesting a start date of 8-23-2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Begemann with an 8-23-2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

Matthew H Buettner
4542 Burdette Street
Omaha NE 68104

Plumbing Specialties
11531 Portal Rd #22
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Matthew Buettner appeared before the Board and requested a start date of 3-16-2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation is in order for his start date, but the ratio sheet is absent. The Plumbing Board secretary will send Mr. Jake Sargent a ratio sheet to fill out and return for the file.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Buettner with a 3-16-2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with the stipulation that a ratio sheet is received from the master plumber. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

Michael S Meng
604 S Fillmore Street
Papillion NE 68046

Plumbers Local 16
4801 F Street
Omaha NE 68117-1406

Mr. Michael Meng and Mr. Pat Leddy with Plumbers Local 16 appeared before the Board requesting a start date of 9-14-2014. Mr. Meng was an apprentice plumber in West Palm Beach, Florida for one year through Plumbers Local 630. Mr. Meng has documentation for one year of schooling. Mr. Leddy stated Florida apprenticeship schooling is comparable to Omaha’s schooling. He stated Mr. Meng was in school from September of 2014 through June of 2015 and has 250 hours’ worth of class and shop time from Florida. Mr. Meng also has documentation of 1,502 on-the-job training hours from Florida.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Meng with a start date of 9/14/2014 with 250 school hours and 1502 work hours. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0
Mr. Brandon Smith is requesting a start date of 8-23-2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Smith with an 8-23-2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

Mr. Peter Wolz is requesting a start date of 9-01-2015. Mr. Miller stated documentation and ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Wolz with an 9-01-2015 start date for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

V. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (2)

Justan Burleigh  Morehead Plumbing
Charley D Kidder  Red D Plumbing Inc

Completed ABC

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the two apprenticeship renewals listed above. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 7-0

VI. Discussion
- Possibly starting pre-apprentice classes through Omaha high schools for the trades and possible credit given before applying to a shop for an internship. The three plumbing schools are interested as the labor pool has been down in numbers.
- Plumbing Code is before Council with a possible effective date of October 28th. The Board does not need the manufacturer reps to reappear before the Board with their products that have been previously approved.
- New code questions will not be put in the examinations until May of 2016
VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

*APLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.*

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