

## SOAR Minutes

May 14, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Vice President Jerry Redington called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken with President Larry Dyson and Trustee Lee Horstmeier not present.

The minutes were approved as read and the Treasurer's report was given.

Lou Cook from Central Labor asked members to volunteer for the Labor Booth at the Stephenson County Fair. Tickets to get into the fair are held at Rich Hofmaster's home next to the fairgrounds. You return the ticket when you leave so the next shift can use it.

Dale Sandell spoke to us about the Local. Arbitrations are taking place. About 1200 people went through the plant for the open house. With the completion of the contract some members are retiring so the recall list is getting depleted.

Jerry Redington spoke about the history of VEBA and how it stands today. There is about 925 million in the fund with 30,250 people as recipients. Workers are putting more money into the system and with the upbeat in the stock market and tweaking of benefits the fund is recovering to hopefully last much longer.

Sandy Dyson said Larry is improving but not up to coming today.

Today in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Freeport plant being opened we had a slide show of past events with the Local. Members brought memorabilia they have collected from the plant and Kelly Tire sale items. There were mugs, a toy truck, pocket knife, ashtrays, a calculator and other items to see. We spoke about when people started at the plant, their first day on the job and how many employees were employed there. We continued our memories over refreshments and a special 50 year cake. Thanks to Mary Jane Zimmerman from the school district unit for making the cake.

Adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Walt