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**UPPA Long Beach Chapter  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
March 14, 2009**

Chairman Ira Schumer called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Pete Tenace.

Self introductions were done by **36** in attendance.

Secretary's report for February 14 was read by Lawrence Zero. Minutes were approved by the membership.

Jim Anderlink read the treasurer's report with a balance of **\$1,495.00**.

Members approved the report.

**Old Business:**

Motion to nominate Jaime Valdez Jr. as Golf Tournament Chairman.

Pete Tenace questioned the installation and slope for trap arms, slope shall be 1/4" per foot.

Water closet requirements are different due to self priming feature of water closet.

Discussion and forum held regarding the PEX approval for use.

OSHPD has approved PEX.

Jim Dimit remarked PEX failures are due to memory feature of PEX

Prior to installation of PEX, it is necessary to fumigate installation location due to Rats like to eat PEX.

**New business:**

No new business.

**Correspondence:**

Next month PEX rules will be discussed.

**Jim Dimit presented our guest speakers: Walt Wegner of Mega Western  
(Rhreem, Delta Brasscraft)**

Discussion was held regarding the installation of appliance and meter **EXCESS FLOW VALVE (EFV)**.

Purpose of using EFV is to limit gas flow from a ruptured gas line to a non-hazardous level.

Utilizes a magnetic base technology.

Maintenance free device. Non-gravity dependant.

Cost \$10.00 and has been in use approximately 5 years.

EFV does not replace earth quake valve requirement.

EFV is offered for different flow rates, blue (low flow), Green (medium flow), Yellow (large flow)

Meter EFV will automatically reset, works on increase in flow only.

Offered in ¾" and 1" size only.

When sizing, separate large demand from smaller appliances.

Installation must be  $\pm 5\%$  of vertical.

Certain insurance companies will provide break on home owners insurance if EFV is installed at the meter.

The attendee's applauded the presenters and an honoree membership to UPPA was presented to them.

IAPMO donated several prizes for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.