

APWA – Maine Chapter
Minutes of April 4, 2002 meeting

Attending:

John Foster	Brunswick	Erik Street	Yarmouth
Peter Coughlan	ME Local roads	Stewart Sevey	H. P. Fairfield
William Stretton	Lewiston	Arthur Stockus	Bangor
Greg Dore	Skowhegan	Steve Johnson	So. Portland
Paul Boudreau	Westbrook	Steve Walker	Pinkham and Green
Tom Martin	Nitram, Inc.	Gerry James	Presque Isle
Adam Ogden	Cumberland		

Visitor David Cyr

Absent: Skip Stanley, Al Hutchinson, Steve Bradstreet, John Johnson, and Guy Baker

Tom Martin called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

Minutes:

Minutes of the March 7, 2002 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer did not have a printed report but informed the Board that the checking balance was \$3,200 and the savings account had a balance of \$ 22,700.

Delegate's report

Greg brought the board up to date on the regional spring delegates meeting. The Haraseeket Inn is not available and Greg is working with Tom DiMaio to firm up alternate plans. This meeting may be held in Portland.

Greg briefly reviewed LD2020

Greg reminded everyone that LD 1982 came out of committee with a unanimous "Ought not to pass" recommendation and died. He also said that the well drillers legislation allowing them access to posted roads with notice to the communities had passed. Pete made the point that the legislation was changed and that there was no sunset provision, where the initial legislation was for only one year this has no terminal date. It does however require an emergency water situation to be declared by the Governor.

Highway Congress:

Eric had received about 63 registrations to date and is still expecting some new faces. Granger will be there with some new programs. The third mailing will be sent out next week. Stewart Sevey has said that Oshkosh has committed and will have two trucks. The second vehicle will be from Rockport. Stewart expects the details to be finalized in the next two weeks.

Questions were brought up about moving the Congress, much as the MMA convention is moved around the State. It was brought up that attendance at the MMA is very variable depending upon the location. The Congress has been growing and shown no signs of having attendance fall off. Consideration of moving was discussed in the past but it was thought that staying had advantages in seeing how the demonstrations held up over time. Past discussions centered on the size of the Skowhegan facility, its central location, and the variety of assets it offered.

Gifts, such as knives, pens, key chains and flashlights for the Congress were discussed. A motion by Greg Dore seconded by Steve Johnson was passed to give Paul a \$3,000 budget for this.

Spring Meeting:

The DEP presentation was discussed with comments that it raised more questions than it answered. The Sand and Salt covering will be addressed fully at a later date by the DEP as will the Stormwater II Regulations. Greg attended a Stormwater session yesterday and brought up the fact that they had raised questions about the application rates of sand and salt. There will be a three-day conference in May during which some of this will be dealt with. Attendance for today's meeting was 170, a new record for a spring meeting.

FALL MEETING:

Arthur volunteered to work on the fall meeting where Erik put the spring meeting together. Joan has contacted John and informed him that Millers has been booked for our fall luncheon. We have the Thursday date again and MMA is holding reservations at local hotels for anyone wishing to stay overnight. Topics will be discussed at the next meeting. It may be too soon to do anything on the Public Works Academy.

IME:

Bill informed us that Dan didn't say anything about this meeting. Bill also mentioned that the Excellence Awards deadline is April 26, 2002.

Local Roads:

Pete reviewed the stormwater training coming up. Loader Backhoe training will be offered this summer. John Deere has committed equipment and Pete will be talking with Cat about a loader backhoe. The welding course will be offered again in August. The drainage course will be offered during the winter and grader training will start again soon. The Russia trip interrupted by September 11th will be resumed this September 15th through the 29th.

Educational Committee:

Paul reviewed the responses received on the surveys. There were 123 of 170 returned. 114 returned a yes with only 8 reporting no for the school. One was undecided. Alan Gove will be bringing the same survey questions to the Manager's meeting on April 9th. Pete, as part of this committee, welcomed either input, or additional members, since the challenge was large and a long-term commitment is needed. It was stressed that the focus would be on management and administration no on operators. This is where the future leaders will be expected to emerge.

Other:

Skip Stanley resigned effective immediately. John Johnson has also resigned due to family health reasons. Nominations for the vacancies are to be brought to the next meeting including a nomination to fill the vacant secretaries position. The nominating committee will be made up of Steve Walker, Steve Johnson, and Adam Ogden. Nominees from the southeast and northeast are to be considered. It was noted that Dean Preston from Washington County may be approached.

The next meeting will be in Skowhegan at the Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m.
Adjourn at 1:30p.m.