

APWA

Maine Chapter American Public Works Association

MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2004

Eric Street called Board Meeting to order at 12:30 pm - Waterville Elks Lodge

Present: Craig Worth, Bill Stretton, Steve Walker, Steve Johnson, Tom Martin, Erik Street, Art Stockus, Greg Dore, Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Mike Bobinski, Alan Gove, Bob Stevens

1. Motion to approve March Meeting minutes made, seconded, unanimous vote approval.
2. Treasurer's report handed out for February and March. Income coming in for Highway Congress. \$500 from National for delegates meeting and 4th quarter rebate from National received. Discussed if \$30k was too much float money to carry. Steve Johnson recommended waiting until after Highway Congress to see what is left in bank account. Discussed supporting opposition to Tax Cap. Erik Street said we should check with National before actively opposing initiative. Moved and seconded to accept Treasurers Report, unanimous vote approval.
3. Mike Bobinski and Greg Dore to attend National. Greg Dore moved and Steve Johnson seconded approving Mike Bobinski as Alternate Delegate. Unanimously approved.
4. Bob Stevens discussed purchase of 500 calendars, 1/2 to be paid by MLRC and 1/2 by MCAPWA. Same process as last year ok with everyone. Moved and second, unanimous approval on calendars. Cal from MLRC was here today doing video. He is ready to start on 10 minute video.
5. Craig Worth said IME awards still being accepted. Polycore willing to donate granite plaques for winners.
6. Spring meeting had 180 registrations, Steve Bradstreet went over expenses and income. Steve estimates \$600 profit. Discussed speakers, consensus in the group was to look for more focus from AH Harris.
7. Steve Johnson reported on Highway Congress. 74 vendors so far. Reminder letters going out. Maine Townsman ad all set. MCAPWA electrical team Met with Walter Hight at fairgrounds. Dry sump catch basin at end of track suggested for work day project. Call into AD Electric to make electric improvements. Motion for \$2500 for electrical improvements at fairgrounds by Greg Dore, Mike Bobinski second - unanimously approved. May 23 Deadline for meal count. Commercial Paving wants to do chipseal demo. New England construction will cover show. Erik Street and Steve Johnson went to Masscon to promote our Highway Congress. MLRC and Steve Johnson are making up tri-fold brochure. Erik will send Bob Stevens updated electronic file. Erik Street had contest suggestion for vendor treasure hunt. Erik also suggested safety theme area with state police, MMTA and Chainsaw safety, using coliseum area. Erik talked about expanding vendor layout area if number of vendors increase.
8. Eric Street mentioned we need to review bylaws and look for ways for subcommittees to get together. Erik wants chairs to come up with ideas on how to get their committees going. Bill

Stretton reported that he has sent out 6 packages for new memberships. Erik to hold off on chapter goals discussion until August.

9. Steve Johnson reported on chapter dinner. Discussed whether to have Board and wives only or include Past presidents. Consensus was to invite Past Presidents.
10. Greg Dore reported on supervisors class, 12 - 15 people is a good class size, \$300 - \$400 cost per person. MMA has legal aspects covered. Steve needs help on finding an expert in working with difficult people. August / September time frame, with a question of whether Thursday and Friday were good class days. It was noted that Management experts from UMaine Business school are about \$1000 per day. Mike Bobinski and Bob Stevens working on management experts.
11. Mike Bobinski discussed Tax Cap. Mike suggested we utilize petition format and web site to help organize Tax Cap opposition.
12. Erik Street noted National is looking for National Public Works Week proclamation. Erik communicating with Governor's office on an official proclamation. Bob Stevens will have Cal film local events during the 3rd week of May. Mike Bobinski has been in touch with APWA Reporter on Portland events.
13. National Work Zone Memorial, with list of names of workers killed in workzones is booked for 2005 Highway Congress. Letter sent out to county reps on reimbursement for County Roadeo awards. Erik Street received letter from the Executive Director of Maine Rural Water Association asking us to partner on training issues. Erik talked to Dick Aube. Dick's future position on the board unknown as Dick is applying for positions out of Maine.

Motion to adjourn 1:45 pm.