



MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2009

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at 9:00am – Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, David Cote, Dennis Cox, Robert Seelye, Gerry James, Rob Pontau, Eric Labelle and Megan Bates; Craig Worth (IME) and Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center).

Directors Absent: Bob Burns, Steven Johnson, Mary Ann Conroy, Peter Owen, Steve Walker, Stewart Sevey and Shawn Bennett. Meeting Minutes: Mike Clause made a motion to approve the May 7, 2009 meeting minutes, Dennis Cox 2nd the motion, minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bradstreet, the checking account balance is \$7,590.90 and the savings account balance is \$15,115.38 which is lower than it has been in the past; Steve will add to next month's agenda a discussion on a complete review of the annual budget; Bob Burns is currently working on finishing up the Chapter's midyear financial report to submit to Nationals; Mike Claus stated the reason for the lower balances in the Chapter's account are likely, partly due to the Chapter's contributions to the 2010 Congress; Mike Bobinsky asked if we have received all the payments due for the Delegates meeting from the New Jersey Chapter? Dennis Cox made a motion to accept the report, Mike Bobinsky 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Delegate Report: Mike Bobinsky, not a lot to report, Mike wasn't sure if he would be able to attending the Congress this year in Columbus, Ohio on September 13-16th.

2010 Congress Update (taken out of order): Mike Claus, one suggestion from the meeting, does the Chapter want to supply Maine items to handout at the Congress, if so we are looking at around 1,600 items possible the Maine Board of Transportation would like to contribute to this effort; so far \$217,000 has been set aside for the event the goal is \$300,000, a big event will be the Mayor's dinner scheduled for August 13, 2010 in Boston; the New England Chapter will be holding a dinner one of the evenings, is that something the Maine Chapter would like to plan on doing also and would we like to try to combine it with the New England Chapter, their cost is \$175 per head \$100 of which they are subsidizing, Mike Claus and Steve Bradstreet will start discussions with the New England Chapter; Mike Claus, does the Chapter want to plan on scheduling a charter bus for volunteers from Maine for the event, the New England Chapter would like to know as soon as possible if we intend to do this and will we be providing shirts for volunteers or have badges for the volunteers; Mike Claus, the New England Chapter is looking for someone to give a presentation in French on the 2010 Congress at the Spring meeting in Quebec, Eric LaBelle offer to do the presentation, Mike will send Eric more information on the event via email and the Chapter will pay travel expenses; Mike Claus, the floor prizes we were planning for the 2010 congress cannot be valued more than \$50 each so we will do 4 - \$50 gift cards instead of 1 - \$200 gift card.

Membership Report: Steve Bradstreet, no report this month.

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Maine Local Roads Report: Bob Stevens, we are scheduling 9 locations for the backhoe/loader training looking to get the attendance up to a minimum of 10 per class, Phil Curtis is the trainer; Eric Street has scheduled frontend loader train, which is different, in Yarmouth; there have been changes made in the Local Roads Department, Jerry Douglas has moved into a different department but is still trying to stay involved; the new program for Roadway Fundamentals has been written but it is waiting for a review, we are hoping to have that training this fall; we would like to put out this Chapter calendars at the MMA convention in October for attendees, Steve Bradstreet will contact Joan to see if we can have a spot on the front table for the calendars.

Highway Congress Recap (taken out of order): Mike Claus, still have some checks to deposit and is working with Bob burns to clean up the books for the event; we had a total of 104 vendors at the event and the feedback was positive; next year do we want to have a loader rodeo instead of or along with a snow plow rodeo, the Nationals finals in Colorado off both one man and two man plow trucks competition along with loaders and may also start having graders; the chapter is sending two people to Colorado and will provide some of the funding for the cost of the trip.

IME Report: Craig Worth, no IME report but Craig asked if the information on the Public Works Leader of the Year was due out, Steve Bradstreet and Mike Claus will get the new information together and send it out and will also send our offers for updates for prior submittals;

Website: Steve Bradstreet, Excellence in Public Works (projects) were sent for posting on the website.

MMA Convention: Steve Bradstreet, Pete Coughlan would like some time at the fall meeting to discuss MDOT E-911 road inventories; Tabor II was also suggested for a topic; Steve Bradstreet will send out an email to members for other topic ideas; Mike Claus, we should put something on our website clarifying the cost to attend for members; Mike Claus started a discussion on the upcoming vote on excise tax asking what the Chapters position will be and do we know what position MMA, the Town Managers and MDOT are taking, also can we find out how the "Pay as you go" option that has been suggested works and should we put together a subcommittee to meet with who is pushing that option; Mike Claus, does anyone know if the excise tax issue is on the agenda for the next Town Managers meeting, Steve Bradstreet will find out; Craig Worth cautioned with so many things out there the Chapter now spread itself to thin, Mike Bobinsky recommended we look at MMA's position and help support them and Steve Bradstreet will get some insight on the City Manager's position and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Meeting Locations: Steve Bradstreet, MMA will move us around but we have to pay extra for a room at the Civic Center, Steve will check with the local MDOT office along with other options for upcoming meetings.

Golf Tournament: Steve Bradstreet, the information for the tournament will be sent to Jeri for posting on the website, we can take up to 144 entrants; the information for the event was sent out on the vendors list and Steve will contact many of the personally; Steve is looking for help with the registration at the event; National expressed concern for the event on the tax exempt status, Steve

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Bradstreet will contact Kay Caldwell to address those concerns.

Director's Dinner: Steve Bradstreet, looking for suggestion for a location for the Director's dinner in October, several suggestions were made but no location was set at this time; Eric LaBelle suggest the Chapter reimburse the cost for a room for those who travel long distances.

Other Business: Bob Stevens, can we have a discussion set on an upcoming meeting agenda on who is eligible for the Supervisory Training.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 3rd, location undetermined at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM

Respectfully Submitted by David Cote

