



MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2009

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at

12:55PM – Elks Lodge, Waterville

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Bob Burns, David Cote, Steve Johnson, Michael Bobinsky, Mary Ann Conroy, Peter Owen, Dennis Cox, Robert Seelye, Gerry James, Rob Pontau, Stewart Sevey, Eric Labelle, Megan Bates and Shawn Bennett; Craig Worth (IME); Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center).

Directors Absent: Steve Walker.

Meeting Minutes: Stewart Sevey made a motion to approve the March 5, 2009 meeting minutes, Mike Bobinsky 2nd the motion, minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Burns, checking account balance is at \$13,707.38 and the savings \$15,111.58. Motion made by Stewart Sevey to accept the Treasurer's report, Steve Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Delegate Report: Mike Bobinsky, most of the final arrangement for the Region 1 & 2 meeting being held at the Portland Regency on May 1 – 3 are complete; approximately 25 delegates have signed up; Saturday's business meeting is scheduled from 8:30am to 3:00pm; several members of the Board are planning to attend the reception dinner on Friday night; Mike Bobinsky will be sending out the final details for the meeting soon; a request will be sent to APWA National for the meeting stipend.

Membership Report: Steve Johnson, the chapter is holding strong; we lost one member due to retirement, gained two new members and three new perspective members.

Maine Local Roads Report: Bob Stevens, Pancakes and Paving workshop was just held in Caribou and two more Workzone Traffic Control workshops were scheduled.

IME Report: Craig Worth, Excellence in Public Works projects are due in a week from this Saturday, has only received on submittal thus far.

Website: Steve Bradstreet, not much to update other than Steve plans to speak with Pete Coughlan about the third list server to get it online.

Stimulus Package: Steve Bradstreet, the letter from the Board to MDOT Commissioner Cole has been sent, no reply has been received at this time.

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Financial Support: Steve Johnson, opened a discussion on whether or not the Board would like to provide financial support to Directors that may have to travel in excess for meeting, overnights etc.; Mike Bobinsky asked, if we do provide financial support should there be a cap on an annual amount; Bob Burns requested if this will be provided where will the funds come from in the budget. During this discussion Bob Burns inquired about the Chapter's financial commitment for the 2010 Congress, it was determined the Chapter still had 2 \$3,000 payments, one to be paid this year and the other next year.

Legislative Updates: Steve Bradstreet, no update as Pete Coughlan was not able to stay for the meeting; Shawn Bennett brought the excise tax bill and asked if the Chapter should take an official stance and help get more information out for voters?

Spring Meeting: We had approximately 180 attendees this year which is down somewhat from last year which could be related to several things, i.e. the hard winter, financial issues or because many had a free pass for last year because of the cancelation the prior year. Bob Burns, had a bit of a time keeping the meeting on schedule but it all worked out in the end; Mike Bolduc, Saco Public Works Director seemed very surprised upon being named the Public Works Leader of the year and it was great to see the folks from Saco who came out to support him.

Highway Congress: Mike Claus, we have a good list of vendors already signed up, Mike will make the list available; Mike Clause and Steve Bradstreet will be checking things out at the fairgrounds in the week to come, and those interested in staying over should contact the Belmont to confirm your rooms.

Other Business: Membership pins were handed out during the meeting. Supervisory training is coming up, same format as in the past, 15 have already signed up and we will be looking for volunteers to provide the hands-on training as before.

Next meeting to be May 7, 2009 at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 AM

Respectfully Submitted by David Cote

