



MEETING MINUTES

MAY 7, 2009

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at 9:03am – Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Skowhegan, ME

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Bob Burns, David Cote, Steve Johnson, Peter Owen, Dennis Cox, Rob Pontau, Eric Labelle and Megan Bates; Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center); Past Presidents, Eric Street and Greg Dore.

Directors Absent: Mike Bobinsky, Mary Ann Conroy, Robert Seelye, Gerry James, Steve Walker, Stewart Sevey and Shawn Bennett.

Steve Bradstreet opened the floor to Ed (Last Name?), representing the Lyons Club, to discuss their involvement at the Highway Congress on June 4th. The cost for the BBQ chicken dinner will be \$7.50 per head and the Lyons Club will also be serving breakfast at their booth, \$6.00 for all you can eat, which for some reason is not usually well attended. After a brief discussion Mike Claus made a motion to offer 2 – ½ price coupons for the Lyons' breakfast to each vendor at the event to help boost the attendance at the breakfast, Eric Labelle second the motion passed with an 8 to 2 vote. Steve Johnson and Bob Burns opposed.

Meeting Minutes: Dennis Cox made a motion to approve the April 2, 2009 meeting minutes, Bob Burns 2nd the motion, minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Burns, checking account balance is at \$28,067.78 and the savings \$15,112.82. The elevated balance in the checking account is mostly due to deposits made by Mike Claus from vendor registrations for the Highway Congress. It was also noted the Chapter's contribution will likely be much less than anticipated for the Delegates' meeting.

Delegate Report: Steve Bradstreet, Steve attended the supper meetings and the business meeting along with Mike Bobinsky and Steve Walker, Eric Labelle and Mary Ann Conroy also attended at different time over the two day event; Eric commented that it seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves and the meeting venues; much was discussed about the 2010 Congress to be held in Boston next year, from what was understood volunteers would be scheduled for the three day event given one afternoon off to attend the shows, there was also a discussion about profit sharing for the Chapter that host the event where currently all proceeds go to APWA National.

Membership Report: Steve Johnson, the chapter is holding strong, we are still up 2.12% for the year; we are down one member this month, have two delinquent members and 3 dropped members from DOT but we also have 2 new members and 1 perspective, also the new member fee will remain at ½ price until June 30, 2009.

Maine Local Roads Report: Bob Stevens, Pete Coughlan has been out helping with flagger certification which seems to be a hot item; we have a region 1 LTAP meeting scheduled in Freeport on May 19-20, 2009; Bob Stevens handed out the new MCAPWA flyer he had been working on for

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the Board's review; Mike Claus asked about getting pictures from MLR taken at recent events.

IME Report: Steve Bradstreet, Craig Worth has now receive a handful on submissions for the Excellence in Public Works projects.

Region 1 & 2 Delegates Meeting Recap / 2010 Congress: Discussed during "Delegates Report".

Highway Congress: Mike Claus, Mike and Steve will plan to be at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds on the Tuesday before the event to stake out vendor lots, the following Wednesday will be the work day; Pike will be paving the side road of the main entrance as far as 60 ton will take them, some fine grade will be needed prior to the paving, Greg will have one of his men, Danny, do the grading; Dennis will be bringing the bags for the attendees handouts, Greg Dore has the event signs, Greg will also check on the directional signs, contact Channel 5 News and set up the security for Wednesday night, and Steve Bradstreet has the event banner; HP Fairfield will be hosting the Wednesday evening dinner at the Elks Lodge; MLR should be all set for manning the "Time Out for Training" area but will ask if they need help; Steve Bradstreet & Mike Claus will handle the cash drawings; Steve will send out invitations to the event to local, State and both regional and national APWA officials to set up closing ceremony speakers and contact Nat for event insurance; Bob Burns will bring radios; Rob Pontau and Steve Johnson will pick up work day lunch.

Scholarship Memoriam: Mike Claus, where Brian James attended community colleges as well as the University of Maine, suggest that one of the Chapter's Scholarship funds be renamed in his honor, after a brief discussion, Steve Johnson made a motion to have the current scholarship at the community college renamed "The Brian C. James Scholarship Fund", Dennis Cox 2nd the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

At this time Steve Bradstreet opened the floor to Bob Clark who was representing Maine Antique Tractor as they are scheduled to have a display at the highway congress, they will likely have 8 – 10 tractors for display and would like to set up most of them the day before, they plan to have 2 – 3 members manning the display and would like to sell raffle chances on a new tractor to be drawn at a later date; Steve Bradstreet assigned them the grass area across from the back of the grandstands.

New National Bylaws: Steve Bradstreet, APWA National will be developing new chapter bylaws, once complete we will be expected to compare them with our Chapter's bylaws to make necessary changes and adopt the new bylaws.

Eligibility of Board Members for PWL: Steve Bradstreet, the question has come up if Board members should be allowed to be nominated for the "Public Works Leader of the Year" award; after discussion it was conclude that even though it would be nice to have that option it would not be allowed to maintain the integrity, perceived or otherwise, of the selection process for this award.

Other Business: Steve Johnson, we have 22 people signed up for supervisory train class, volunteers for the hands on include Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, David Cote, Eric Labelle and Rob Pontau,

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hands on training will start after lunch therefore volunteers should arrive around 11:00am.

Bob Burns, yearend financials were submitted to National on time, Bob will send copies of the report to Board members.

Steve Johnson, would the board like to make a donation on behalf of Brian James to the Humane Society; after a brief discussion Steve Johnson made a motion to donate \$500 to the Central Aroostook Humane Society on behalf of Brian James, Dennis Cox 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Cox, in the future could we put on the meet agenda a discussion on who is eligible to sign and attend the Supervisory training.

Next meeting to be August, time and place not set yet, no meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55PM

Respectfully Submitted by David Cote

