



MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2010

Present: Bob Burns, Dave Cote, Rob Pontau, Steve Bradstreet, Mike Bobinsky, Chip Swan, Peter Owen, Dennis Cox, Robert Seelye, Gerry James, Steve Walker, John Giroux, Stewart Sevey, Megan Bates, Shawn Bennett, Eric Labelle, Mike Claus, Craig Worth (IME); Pete Coughlan (Maine Local Roads Center), Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center)..

Directors absent: None

Others Present: Steve Johnson

1. **Call to Order:** Mike Claus called meeting to order at 12:50 PM, at the Waterville Elks Lodge
 - a. A round of applause for Dave Cote and his work in preparing a great spring meeting with arguably the funniest comic ever.
2. **Minutes:** Stewart Sevey motioned to accept March 4, 2010 meeting minutes. Seconded by Steve Bradstreet. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items 3 and 4 of the agenda were taken out of order as courtesy to MMA representatives.

3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Cote stated the current checking balance is \$5013.60 and the Savings is \$15,125.42 (increase in \$0.04 for interest is the only change).
 - b. **Delegate Report:** Mike Bobinsky stated the National Congress info has been posted on the chapter website. The regional dinner will be held in the Boston area in conjunction with the congress. They will be looking for chapter contributions. Mike will look into having the New Jersey Chapter pay our share since we are still owed \$1500.00 from the dinner that was hosted in Portland last year.
 - c. **Membership Report:** Steve Bradstreet noted there are 2 new members, 16 delinquent members. The chapter currently has 198 members (increase of 2). Steve Johnson added that National APWA is still offering half price first year membership for first time members. A bargain at \$70.
 - d. **Maine Local Roads Report:** Pete Coughlan
 - i. There is a new tree workshop coming up. Look for the flyer.
 - ii. Transportation Bond Bill is coming up. It looks like a partisan battle. DOT is not entirely confident it will pass.
 - iii. Simplification Study is moving along. Gerry James is now on the policy working group. Gerry noted that it seems like there is a wide range of people either in acceptance or not. Pete

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Excellence Awards

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noted that it will be different for all towns. IF any roads are to change hands there will be a certain standard that they will have to meet first. Some other changes may be needed like a possible increase in the gas tax as well as the funding mechanism (URIP). There is a website link for making comments. A link will be posted on the MCAPWA Facebook page.

- iv. **David Ladd at MDEP** is rewriting the rules of the Multi-Sector General Permit to include public works garages in industrial stormwater discharge permitting. David contacted Rob Pontau to request that members of MCAPWA are present at the stakeholders meeting on April 5, 2010. Mike Claus, Steve Johnson and Rob Pontau will attend the meeting.
4. **Resignation of John Giroux:** John has resigned due to personal reasons. Mike Claus and an elite group of directors will make nominations to fill his seat at the May Meeting.
5. **Spring Meeting Comments:** Great Job Dave Cote! Very high attendance, Good program, great comedian and lots of help from Maine Local Roads and MMA. Thanks to all.
6. **Excellence Awards:** Craig Worth noted there has been 1 submittal. Craig will send out an email reminder and Rob will put it on the Facebook page.
7. **Supervisory Training 2010:** Steve Bradstreet: We are good to go. We will need volunteers for the training in May. Bradstreet or Claus will travel to Bangor to introduce the speakers. Dave Cote will be contacting local media sources next week.
8. **Highway Congress/Rodeo:** Burns signed up 25 more vendors. There are approximately 100 attending. Contract is signed with Are You Ready to Party?. The Skowhegan Fairgrounds is asking for \$2000.00 cash and some catch basin cleaning. This seems fair. Stewart Sevey (H.P. Fairfield, Inc.) has agreed to donate the cleaning and will coordinate with the fair. The May meeting will be held at the fairgrounds.

The Rodeo will be run as a two men competition without wings. There will be a new course. It is suggested that next year the rodeo is held separate from the congress. There are 2 new trucks donated for use by the City of Portland. They will be coming straight from H.P. Fairfield's shop.
9. **2010 National Congress:** Mike Bobinsky noted there will be another sub-committee conference call in May. Volunteers are coming in. Confirmations are noted on the website.
10. **Culvert Law Further Actions:** All communities need to gather information this summer. This will be coordinated with Jeff Austin at MMA. A "Bridge in a Backpack" will be installed in Auburn later this summer.
11. **Other Business:**
 - a. Jerry James appointed himself chair of the scholarship committee and had the accounts changed so he could manage them. He also scolded the members of the group (in a cheerful way) for the way we dress.
 - b. Steve Walker will be changing jobs but will remain on the MCAPWA board. He will contact MMA to get his email address updated.
 - c. Pete Coughlan wants to know if urban compact line changes will affect local ordinances. He will send out an email to the list serve requesting info.
 - d. Dave Cote has buckets of paperwork that has been handed down over the years. He will check with MMA to see if they have room for storage at their new facility.

12. Meeting Adjourned 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. Pontau, JR.