

Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

Chapter One Meeting

August 30, 2006

St. James Golf Course – Golf Scramble; St. James Hickory Inn – Business Meeting

Members Present: Joe Haefner, Warren Smith, Janele Fowlds, Jesse Zeig, Mike Eichers, Brad Evans, Larry Zeig, Gerry Vickerman, Aaron Mages, Jesse Anderson, John Veroeven

Guest Present: MSPS President Ed Otto

The group enjoyed playing an 18-hole golf scramble.

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm by Vice-President Joe Haefner. The minutes from the May 31, 2006 Chapter Meeting were approved as submitted and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved (Current balance being \$1933.07). There is only one existing Chapter member who hasn't paid their 2006 dues.

Ed Otto updated the group on what the MSPS board is working on. A few of the key items are listed below:

- There is a prevailing wage committee which will be sending a questionnaire to all members in the state within the next month or so regarding the MNDOT prevailing wage issue
- The current MSPS roster will be printed within the next few weeks, but the plan is to change the annual distribution date to right after the annual meeting in February
The Chapter 505 Committee is working closely with MACS to propose legislation in 2007 for the re-write of the Chapter. The re-write will consider an alternative to creating lengthy metes and bound legal descriptions by encouraging the use of a 505 plat whenever a subdivision is made whether it is a small or large subdivision.
- Chapter One doesn't currently have representation on the Board and therefore Ed strongly encourages someone to step up and volunteer. There are quite a few positions available:
 - 2 Board of Directors Slots
 - President Elect
 - Annual Meeting Chair
 - Workshop Chair
- The LS position on the State Board of Registration will need to be filled this year
- The Historical Committee is giving up their storage facility and therefore is looking for possible locations to display their equipment. If you know of a potential use please contact Ed. They are currently considering a Museum in Duluth
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 22 and 23

Janele reported Chapter One's 2006 Trigstar winner Derek Schmidt placed 11th in the National contest!

The group discussed the fact that the current Minnesota State Law 160.15 requires that a set section corner be a minimum of 4" in diameter at the top and 18" deep. The group discussed this law and concluded that the majority of surveyors don't comply. The group would like the Law to be modified to comply with what the average surveyor is actually doing.

The group discussed whether or not Chapter 505 (505.01 and 505.02) allowed access and/or trails to be dedicated on a Plat. After some interesting conversation the group agreed that the spirit of the current law doesn't intend for such usages to be dedicated on a 505 Plat.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Chapter One Secretary/ Treasurer
Janele Fowlds