



Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

North West Area – Chapter II

Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2006
Holiday Inn
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Attending Members: Chad Conner, Rod Boyer, Gary Caswell, Tom Harper, Bob Kovanen, Russell Kastelle, Rob Roberts, Pat Trottier, Curt Skarphol

Reports:

- Minutes of June 15th, 2006, meeting were reviewed, and approved with one minor correction.
- Treasurer's Report - Balance of checking and savings accounts as of July 31st, 2006 was \$532.67. The Chapter expects to receive an \$800.00 reimbursement from MSPS for Trig-Star prize outlays, and there are \$75.00 in checks received but not yet deposited.
- President's Report – Chad Conner:
 - 2006 MSPS Summer Meeting in Duluth
 - MSPS Board of Directors Meeting
 - Technical Sessions on machine control GPS and VRS
- Director's Report – Pat Trottier:
 - MSPS Finances & Budget
 - Public Relations – Radio advertisements have brought increased hits to MSPS Website
 - Prevailing Wage Committee
 - Chapter 505 Committee
 - MSPS Fall Planning Meeting
 - Policy Manual Updates
 - Set Long Term Goals for MSPS
 - One goal – 80% of Licensed Surveyors members of MSPS
 - Looking for Chapter Input – What MSPS should do for members and public?
 - Discussion – MSPS should continue to promote profession through public relations – ideas mentioned include publishing 'horror' stories of what can go wrong when surveyors aren't used and promote the profession by educating public on the amount of experience and training required to become licensed – MSPS should continue to provide continuing education for members.
 - Pat's term as an MSPS Director is soon up – he won't be running again – it would be great if someone from Chapter II runs for the position.

Technical Presentation:

- Tom Harper gave a presentation on a current MnDOT Rail Monitoring project in Detroit Lakes. This project involves automated, around the clock, precision surveying of the vertical and horizontal position of the mainline BNSF tracks through an area with construction activity to give instant warning of any dangerous track movements. Thanks for a very interesting and informative presentation Tom!

Old Business:

- Trig-Star report from Rob Roberts
 - A student from Wells, MN took 1st place in the 2006 state competition and went on to take 11th place in the national competition
 - Largest number of students taking part in the six years that Rob has been involved - 270±
 - Some additional schools are lined up to have competitions next year – hopefully there will be more
- 2007 Summer Convention Planning
 - Golf – Scramble on Thursday, 18-hole tournament on Friday
 - Technical Session – There will be one technical session – Discuss topic at next Chapter Meeting.
 - We will need to have a fishing event. There should be a shopping trip for the wives.
 - Possibly have a trap-shoot. Possibly have a session for legislative session input.
 - There were about 60 registrations for the Summer 2006 meeting in Duluth and 60 rooms were booked.
- Life Membership for Gary Caswell – Motion passed

Next meeting Thursday, December 7th, 2006, 4:30 p.m. at Sibley Station in Pequot Lakes, MN.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Dinner followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis A. Skarphol, Secretary