



Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

North West Area – Chapter II

Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2007
St. Cloud Convention Center
St. Cloud, MN

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Attending Members: Chad Conner, Jim Fowlds, Terry Freeman, Tom Harper, Gary Harris, Cindy Hidde, Bob Kohler, Bob Kovanen, David Landecker, Rob Roberts, Jim Schlieman, James Schoeneck, Dan Skinner, Bruce Skipton, Gary Thompson, Pat Trotter, Curt Skarphol

Visitors Attending: Amanda Brustad, Mike Fletchall, Brian Hoffart, David Serrano, Shawn Thomasson

Reports:

- Minutes of December 7th, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Balance of checking and savings accounts as of January 15th, 2007 was \$2,702.99.
- Membership Report – Currently 50 paid and life members for 2007. It is anticipated that there are a number of memberships that will be paid in the next few months. There were a total of 65 Life and paid members in 2006.
- Director's Report – Pat Trotter:
 - Pat's term as Director is coming to an end.
 - MSPS Historical Committee is looking for Chapter II to find a place for an exhibit of historical survey equipment. It would be a rotating exhibit, with displays traveling between Chapters.
 - MSPS Website – Newly redesigned with online seminar registration and membership renewal being added.
 - LSIT Committee is looking for LSIT representatives to volunteer to help on the committee.
 - Legislative Committee – Metes & Bounds/505 – Looking for a Legislator to sponsor bill.
 - MSPS Officer Elections – Bob Kovanen is running for a Director position, and David Landecker is running for the President-Elect position.
- President's Report – Chad Conner:
 - Discussed Final Point Markers for MSPS Past Presidents

Old Business:

- Chapter Christmas Donation – Chad Conner has chosen the Crow Wing/ Southern Cass County United Ways' Early Reader Program to receive the \$150 donation from Chapter II.
- 2007 Summer Convention Planning:
 - Gary and Sharon Harris have agreed to assist the committee with planning
 - Looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Trap shoot event
 - Fishing tournament will be informal
 - Will need volunteers for registration table, etc.
 - Pat & Chad have met with Thumper Pond
 - Committee will coordinate with Ewald Consulting
 - Horizons will sponsor the hospitality room & will give drink tickets & take care of bar costs
 - Chapter will be responsible for hospitality room food
 - Technical Session – David Landecker has lined up an Insurance Professional to put on session.
 - David Landecker suggested that the Convention Committee look into ways the Chapter can make money off of the Summer Convention. Chapter I made \$1000 from the Summer 2006 Convention.

New Business:

- Chapter will donate to the MLS Foundation one night of a two night Thumper Pond package for the MLS Live Auction at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Thumper Pond is donating the first night. Cost to the Chapter II will be \$105.43.
- 2007 Chapter meeting dates:
 - Thursday, April 19th at Blueberry Pines Golf Club near Menasha, MN. Lowell Schellack and Tom Miller will organize.
 - Thursday, June 7th (tentative) – Chapter Fishing Event. Four Seasons Resort, Bena, MN. Bob Kovanen will organize.
 - Thursday, September 20th in Detroit Lakes, MN.
 - Tuesday, December 4th in Pequot Lakes, MN.
- Continuing Education – Topics for future Chapter meetings. Tom Harper will put together a presentation for the April Chapter meeting.
- Motion was made to set 2008 Chapter dues at the current 2007 rates. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis A. Skarphol, Secretary