



Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

North West Area – Chapter II

Meeting Minutes

December 11th, 2008
ClubHouse Hotel
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Attending Members: Dan Skinner, Bart Ahrens, Garrett Borowicz, Rod Boyer, Carl Fingalson, Roger Forcelle, Tom Harper, Chris Heyer, Cindy Hidde, Russell Kastelle, Bob Kovanen, Rob Roberts, Lowell Schellack, Jim Schoeneck, Pat Trotter, Curt Skarphol

Guests: Brian Huotari

Technical Presentation:

- Dave Zenk, the NGS State Geodetic Advisor for Minnesota, and Ben Butzow, GIS Research Analyst for MnDOT, gave a 50-minute Technical Presentation on:
 - Geocaching and its potential benefits/pitfalls for the survey community
 - NGS Products & Services, MnDOT Geodetic Unit Products & Services
 - Status of NGS Geodetic Control & Mark Recovery Efforts

Reports:

- Minutes of September 18th, 2008, meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Balance of checking and savings accounts as of November 15th, 2008 was \$1,968.35.
- Director's Report – Bob Kovanen:
 - New Plat Manual – Bob is in charge of setting up a joint meeting between MACS and MSPS to review the draft Plat Manual and to discuss potential changes. He's hoping to be done with that by the MSPS Annual Meeting.
 - The MSPS Board of Directors has met once by teleconference since the Board Retreat in September. The Board is scheduled to meet again January 8th.
 - Requests for MSPS Members to respond to the Legislative Survey have gone out by e-mail. Please respond.
- MSPS President Elect's Report – Lowell Schellack:
 - The MSPS Board spent a portion of the September Board Retreat discussing the responses to the Strategic Planning Questionnaire. All Chapters responded to the request for input, and Chapter II's responses to the Questionnaire were appreciated. Many of the responses received by the board indicated that the MSPS members are pleased with things the way they are. Others gave suggestions for needed changes that will be considered and possibly implemented over the next year.
 - MSPS Winter Seminar – January 28th – 30th – Seminar Speaker will be Clinton McLagan, a Minnesota Attorney and Surveyor.
- President's Report – Dan Skinner:
 - Thanks to Dave Zenk and Ben Butzow for their excellent presentation.
 - Dan and Bob Kovanen will be working as Session Moderators at the Annual Meeting. Others are encouraged to volunteer also.
 - MSPS Winter Seminar in St. Louis Park was well attended (±180 people), with an entertaining and informative speaker.

Old Business:

- Chapter II Geocache Project
 - No new information to report.
- Motion to authorize Chapter II to make a Christmas Contribution of \$150 to a charity of the President's choice. Motion approved.
- Motion to authorize contribution of \$100 for door prizes at MSPS Annual Meeting. Motion approved.
- Motion to authorize contribution of \$700 for MLS Foundation. Motion approved.

New Business:

- Russell Kastelle suggested that Chapter II look into selling Survey Monument ID signs with the MSPS logo as a fundraiser. This is something that the ND Society does. Dan Skinner will look into it.

6:25 p.m. - Motion to adjourn. Dinner followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis A. Skarphol
Secretary