



Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors North West Area – Chapter II

Meeting Minutes

June 18th, 2009

Four Seasons Resort – Lake Winnibigoshish
Bena, MN

Fished 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. with good success – perch, walleye, and northern pike.

Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Attending Members: Dan Skinner, Terry Freeman, Gary Harris, Cindy Hidde, Bob Kovanen, Bob Kohler, Lowell Schellack, Jim Schlieman

Guests Attending: Sharon Harris

Reports:

- Minutes of April 23rd, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Balance of savings and checking accounts as of May 26th, 2009 was \$ 2,436.80.
- President's Report – Dan Skinner:
 - Discussion on upcoming MSPS Summer Convention
 - MLS Foundation:
 - Discussed direction MLS Foundation is heading and possible fundraising options
 - Discussed ND State College of Science scholarship issue – school is located in North Dakota
 - Discussion of Unlicensed Surveyor problem
 - Dan presented the MSPS Fishing Event SPAM trophy to Lowell Schellack.
- MSPS President's Report – Lowell Schellack:
 - MSPS is struggling with financial issues this year
 - Annual Meeting revenue was down
 - Spring Seminar revenue was down
 - MSPS reserves are still in good shape
 - Looking at sending "News & Views" to members electronically to save mailing costs
 - MSPS Board has discussed Unlicensed Surveyor issue
 - Board would like to see increased penalties
 - There is a need to educate MSPS membership on rules and penalties on this issue
 - John Freemyer has looked into rewriting "Report 1."
 - He recommends that a re-write is not necessary, but suggests that a new report be put together
 - John has volunteered to lead that effort
 - MSPS has not yet renewed its contract with Messerli and Kramer that expires 9/30/09. The MSPS Legislative Committee has been charged with writing a description of services required of the MSPS Lobbyist for a potential call for Request for Proposals from various lobbyist firms.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

For the Good of the Order:

- Terry Freeman has stepped into the role of MSPS Annual Conference Committee Chair, and requests ideas for Session Presentations. He also is requesting that each Chapter provide a couple of Session Moderators.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Fish dinner followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Schlieman

For

Curtis A. Skarphol, Secretary