

Minnesota Street Superintendents Association

Meeting Minutes: 5/8/2012

**Location: Bloomington Public Works
1700 W 98th St**

President: *Craig Eldred*
Vice President: *Joe Wiita*
Sec/Treasurer: *Bert Tracy*

Call to Order: Craig Eldred **Time:** 11:15

Introduction of Guests: *John Lamourex and Karie Johnson from Advanced Sandjacking Inc. and Steve Constanty from Falcon Road Maintenance Equipment*

City Guest: *Merl Prochniak city of Andover*

Retired Members: *None*

Total Attendance: 28

Vendors:

Ken Nelson from Highway Safety Zone, Mike Purdy, Bill McCarthy, Judd Genereaux from MacQueen Equipment, Jim Connelly Elliott Equipment Co.

Approval of February 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes:

Discussion/Changes: *No Changes or Discussion*

Motion to Approve 2-21-12 Meeting Minutes

By: *Jake Theisen*

Second By: *Mark Thompson*

Motion Passed Yes

Treasurer's Report:

Membership Renewal Total Revenue 2012	\$5,250
Regular Checking Current Balance (5/5/12)	\$3,714.22
2011 Interest Earned in Money Market Account	\$20.13
Money Market Account Balance as of (3/30/12)	\$9,125.88

Old Business:

- **Recognition and Thanks; Mark Thompson for his service**

Discussion Craig presented Mark with the recognition plaque, Mark encouraged members to get involved

- **Financial Assistance of Tour Bus to the APWA Snow Conference:**

Not enough interest was generated for busing to APWA snow conference, so the busing idea was put to rest.

Discussion Craig discussed lack of interest in bus trip was why the trip was cancelled, no discussion from members

- **Sweethearts Event March 31st**

13 Couples attended the event on Saturday March 31st. The evening Began at Rock Bottom Brewery for hors d oeuvres and refreshments the evening finished up at the Brave New Workshop comedy show Occupy Arden Hills.

Discussion Craig reviewed Sweethearts event and discussed the need to have Someone new step up to take Tom Struve's place in coordinating next year's event, no discussion from the members

- **Summer Golf: Is there a Golf outing, if so, what is the date? Who is sponsoring?**

Discussion Bill McCarthy stated that MacQueen equipment is still planning on coordinating the summer golf outing, he is tentatively thinking the 1st Tuesday in August, he would like to hold the golf outing at a municipal course and is looking for interest from a city to host the event. More information to come.

New Business:

- **Fall Expo Report; Date for this year's Expo is October 3rd and 4th**

Discussion Bert discussed attending the Fall Expo Committee meeting and MSSA connection to Fall Expo. Fall Expo falls under MSSA non-profit registration. Bert will be on the Fall Expo committee and will be the liaison between MSSA and Fall Expo.

- **April 10th Executive Committee met at Applebee's' in Eden Prairie to discuss membership renewals and the need to update MSSA Constitution**

and By-Laws. Next Executive Committee meeting is set for Wednesday July 11th.

Discussion *Craig discussed the executive committee meeting where Craig, Joe and Bert met to review membership renewals, constitution and by-laws needed updates, MSSA and Fall Expo finances, and Scholarships. Also discussed the Secretary/Treasurer position and the option of separating the position into two positions Secretary and Treasurer, Bert committed to the Treasure position for a couple of years, (This commitment by Bert should be voted on by members once the By-Laws are updated)*

- **Website Updates – Discussion - Add Registration Forms, Meeting Minutes, Updated By-Laws when complete, and New Scholarship Forms when complete**

Discussion *Craig discussed the need to add MSSA registration forms, meeting minutes, Scholarship forms, and new By-Laws when completed to the our website. There was also a discussion to add a member section as a place to complete membership surveys.*

- **Membership Fees; 2013 Rates should they stay the same. General Membership \$50. 00 Associate Membership \$150.00 plus \$50.00 per additional Associate members.**

Discussion *Bill McCarthy discussed the value of Vendor membership in MSSA, he also stated that MacQueen Equipment and is comfortable with members decision on yearly rates, Bill also discussed Redpath accounting firm that MacQueen utilizes as a possible accounting firm for MSSA business. (Bert and Executive Committee will compare costs of accounting firms and bring to membership before hiring an accountant to review our expenses and methods). Craig discussed the concerns with maintaining enough of a fund balance to cover MSSA Scholarships, Craig also talked of Fall Expo and MSSA having separate scholarships and fund balances and the need to review. The membership discussed the desire to keep the yearly rates the same in 2013 as in 2012.*

Motion was made by Irwin Russell and seconded by Larry Doig to keep the membership rates the same, \$50.00 per person for General membership and \$150.00 for Vendor membership for the first person and \$50.00 per additional Vendor membership per year.

Motion to Approve By: *Irwin Russell*

Second By: *Larry Doig*

Motion Passed **Yes**

- **Any Other New Business for Discussion** *Question was asked if anyone was using an equipment test as part of their interview process. Bert stated that at Oakdale he used one as part of the interview process, testing applicants on loader and skid steer operation along with backing and dumping a dump truck.*

Someone stated Duane at Ramsey County requires an operator test for new employees. Ken Nelson stated that MNDOT offers spot training for operators Rich Simon at MNDOT would be the contact if anyone was interested. Craig mentioned at the snow conference there was classroom training offered at the snow conference regarding operator training (Craig did not attend the classes) Someone stated that they contacted the City of Eagan because they used to have an applicant competency operator test, but Kurt Schegel stated that they no longer use the test.

- **Vendor Demos:**

- **Advanced Sand Jacking Power Point Presentation and Demo**

- *John Lamoureux presented a Power Point presentation on the difference between sandjacking concrete and mudjacking concrete*

- **MacQueen Equipment – Falcon Asphalt Recycler and Asphalt Hot Patcher in one**

- *Mike Purdy and Steve Constanty presented information on the Falcon Asphalt recycler. Falcon asphalt recycler demo was performed south of the Bloomington Public Works at 1:10 for members that could stay.*

- **Next Meeting: August 21, City of Prior Lake Fire Station 1, 16776 Fish Point Rd SE**

Adjournment; 11:45

Motion to Approve By: Tom Reiner

Second By: Bill McCarthy

Motion Passed Yes

Submitted by;

Bert Tracy