



MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2008

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at 9:02AM – MMA, Augusta

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Bob Burns, David Cote, Steve Johnson, Michael Bobinsky, Mary Ann Conroy, Dennis Cox, Gerry James, Stewart Sevey, Shawn Bennett and Eric Labelle; Bob Stevens and Peter Coughlan (Maine Local Roads Center); and Director elect, Megan Bates.

Absent: Peter Owen, Andy Russell and Adam Ogden.

1. Minutes: Dennis Cox made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2008 meeting as written, second by Mike Bobinsky, minutes accepted by unanimous vote.
2. Treasurer's Report: Bob Burns, checking balance \$5,199.48 and savings balance is at \$22,087.64 with some payments and deposits pending. Dennis Cox made a motion to accept the report, second by Mike Bobinsky, Treasurer's reports accepted by unanimous vote.
3. Delegate Report: Mike Bobinsky, the next Region 1/Region 2 Delegate's meeting is scheduled to be held in Portland, Maine in the spring of 2009, May 1st thru May 3rd. Mike Bobinsky request the MCAPWA Board take an active role in the meeting by setting up a reception for the Delegates and pledging funds to help offset the cost by hosting one of the meals, 50 to 70 attendees are expected; Mike Claus suggested we attach a \$5.00 surcharge onto the cost of the spring meeting and highway congress to help offset the cost of the Delegate's meeting which was not budgeted for; no motion or action at this time. In other news, newly elected APWA President, Noel Thompson, will be active in the transportation bill and will take part in the "Reinvesting in Transportation" program; David Cote suggested setting up a place on the Chapter's website where Delegate reports from major meetings can be posted instead of attaching them to the monthly minutes.
4. Membership Report: Steve Johnson, the Chapter has seen a 2.12% increase in membership, currently there are 193 members; Gerry James suggested that should we have any delinquent members that are current deployed in the military, as the chapter has done before, we should cover their membership fees, the Board agreed that would be a proper course of action however, Steve Johnson reports there are no delinquent members in that situation at this time.
5. Maine Local Roads Report: Bob Stevens, approximately 100 people attended the "Electrical Safety" workshops, next up is Snow and Ice Control, which is expected to be well attended, 50 have signed up for the class in Augusta and close to 200 total have signed up at this time counting all the scheduled locations; a discussion about the benefits for Chapter members prompted by Mary Ann Conroy; questions about the changes and topics of discussion in the Snow and Ice Control workshop by Shawn Bennett; Mike Claus suggested Maine Local Roads somehow develop a web-based data sheet for the Road Scholar program.
6. IME Report: No report

7. Website: Steve Bradstreet; Jeri Holt has set up three list servers on the MCAPWA website as requested, one of the servers is for the Board, one for chapter members but there is a question as to who will have access to the other server which we need to discuss; after some discussion it was decided that Steve Bradstreet will invite Jeri Holt to the next meeting to clarify any questions on the list servers.
8. Fall Meeting: David Cote, the meeting seemed to be well attended and a total of 55 lunch tickets were requested; to follow up on an earlier email, as many know Maine Military Authority has request the Chapter allow them a link of some sort on the website, I received some response via email but I wanted to get the final decision from the Board; the discussion on the County Consolidation was also a hot topic, Steve Bradstreet will keep the keep the Board informed on the progress of those discussions; Mike Claus suggested we allow hyperlinks in the news section of our web page for presenters at the Chapter's meetings.
9. Director's Dinner: Steve Bradstreet, there were 30 attendees at the dinner of the 35 expected.
10. Maine Local Roads (revisited with the arrival of Pete Coughlan): Pete Coughlan, looking for Ideas on new way to get work zone safety out to the general public; there were numerous ideas thrown out by members of the Board and after much discussion Pete Coughlan felt he had enough good ideas to work with; Pete Coughlan, looking for Board members to represent the chapter in the discussion on alternatives to salt use on roads in Maine, Gerry James and Bob Burns volunteered, Shawn Bennett offered to be and alternate, Mike Claus suggested asking Peter Owen who Peter Coughlan will contact.
11. Chapter Budget: Steve Bradstreet, working on the final close out for the budget, will need the actual income and expenses to finish closing out.
12. National Congress 2010: the chapter's next payment of \$3,000 for this event is due now.
13. Affiliated Memberships: Mike Claus, should we become an affiliate of MAPA, Maine Asphalt Pavement Association, given the constant fluctuations in prices, Mike was asked if there would be a fee for the affiliation and would the Chapter have a representative in the group, Mike Claus expected there would be a fee likely around \$100 and answered no on the chapter having a representative in the group; no decision or motion was made by the Board at this time.
14. New England Snow & Ice Conference: Mike Claus plans to attend the conference scheduled to be held in Marlborough, Massachusetts on November 20th.
15. Chip Seal: Mike Claus prompted a discussion on chip sealing roadway, inquiring about the pros and cons of this type of application, several Board members offered input and after some discussion it was suggested that Chip Sealing may be a useful topic for the MCAPWA's spring meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2008 at MMA in Augusta.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted, David Cote

