

February 13, 2008

MWOA Southeast Section Meeting Minutes
Byron, Minnesota

Chairman Jim Jones called the meeting to order at 11:25 AM

Linda Huston read the minutes and financial report from the meeting October 10th, 2007 in Prior Lake. A motion to accept minutes was approved. The attendance list was sent to MPCA. The meeting minutes was sent to the Waste Watcher editor as approved.

Old Business:

Chairman Jim Jones asked for final nominations for MWOA awards with voting to follow for Class A, B, C and D Operators, Lab, Rookie, Collections and Maintenance. The nominations were as follows:

Class A operator- Ron Bruzeg of New Prague
Rick Ashling of Albert Lea
Kevin Strain of Byron
Jim Jones of Waseca

Class B operator- Darold Nienhaus of Winnebago
Greg Rud of Byron

Class C operator- Rick Mauris of Winnebago
Brian Severns of Mankato

Class D operator- Brad Winter of Winnebago (Darling International, Inc.)

Lab Excellence- Brandon Huston of Albert Lea
Keith Hanson of

Maintenance – Doyle Jorgenson of Byron

Collection System- Terry Heiniger of (not a member?)
Tony Talamentez of Mankato

Rookie- Warren Rugger, Jr. of Waseca

At 12:00 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting until after lunch. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was reopened at 1:00 PM and nominations reopened for Class C because previous nominees were not members. Class A award was tied and voted again. Ballots were distributed and voting took place. The award winners were as follows:

Class A- Kevin Strain of Byron
Class B- Darold Nienhaus of Winnebago
Class C- Rick Mauris of Winnebago
Class D- Brad Winter of Winnebago for Darling International, Inc
Maintenance- ?
Collection System- Tony Talamentez of Mankato
Lab Excellence – Brandon Huston of Albert Lea
Rookie- Warren Rugger, Jr. of Waseca

All award winners will be presented with their certificates at the joint section meeting on May 14, 2008 in Mankato. Motion was made to destroy the ballots and motion seconded and passed.

New Business:

The SE/SW Joint meeting is to be in Mankato May 14th. The MWOA annual conference will be hosted by Mankato at the Country Inn Suites 23rd-25th of _____? We are looking for volunteers to help on registration, etc.

Suggestions for speakers were requested. Ideas like-- close calls at your plant?

Keith Redmond mentioned how we are losing members and what can we do about it.

Mentioned was that the MWOA Annual Conference would be in Bemidji in 2009.

New Business:

Jim Jones asked about the purchase of a laptop and projector for the SE Section meetings. A motion was made by Neil of Owatonna to investigate cost-sharing of the computer with the State Level approximately <\$600.00. Darrel from Chatfield second the motion and passed.

The October meeting site mentioned was possibly to be at Chatfield. The meetings are set up to be the 2nd Wednesday of the month for consistency. A question was brought up pertaining to fishing opener being a conflict for scheduling with the joint meetings. The current schedule of the second Wednesday of the month is appropriate so that all sections do not have their meetings on the same dates.

New Business:

At the Board meeting...questions were asked on the use of the library and what will make it more useful to the members needs. Keith Redmond stated there are many opportunities to serve on a committee...just let the board knows you are interested.

New business:

Jerry Balbach is looking for new articles for the Waste Watcher.

Kevin from Zumbrota made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 PM, seconded by Dean Nelson of Owatonna.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Huston
Secretary/Treasurer