

MWOA Southeast Section Meeting
Albert Lea, Minnesota - February 11, 2009

Chairman Jim Jones called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM

Jim Jones read the minutes and financial report from the meeting October 8th, 2008 in Red Wing. A motion to accept minutes was approved. The attendance list was sent to the MPCA. The meeting minutes will be 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
Class B operator- Brandon Stall of Dover, Eyota,
St. Charles
Bruce Frandle of Owatonna
Class C operator- Tom Judd of Faribault
Class D operator- Josh Gad of Mankato
Lab Excellence- Mary Anway of Red Wing
Jim Archer of Mankato
Maintenance - Mike Reed of Mankato
Dustin White of Albert Lea
Collection System- Keith Maas of Owatonna
Rookie- Cary Barto of Waseca
Matt Jensen of Albert Lea

At 11:32 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting until after lunch. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was reopened at 12:10 PM after all votes were tallied. The award winners were as follows:

Class A- Rick Ashling of Albert Lea
Class B- Bruce Frandle of Owatonna
Class C- Tom Judd of Faribault
Class D- Josh Gad of Mankato
Maintenance- Dustin White of Albert Lea
Collection System- Keith Maas of Owatonna

Lab Excellence - Mary Anway of Red Wing
Rookie- Matt Jensen of Albert Lea

All award winners will be presented with their certificates at the joint section meeting on May 6, 2008 in New Ulm. Motion was made to destroy the ballots and motion seconded and passed.

New Business:

The SE/SW Joint meeting is to be in New Ulm May 6th. The MWOA annual conference will be located in Grand Rapids July 28-31st.

The October meeting site is tentatively scheduled in LeSueur. LeSueur has a new plant on-line with some interesting new technology.

Director Report:

The MWOA Website has not been active for months. The Board of directors is aware of the issues and is working to resolve them. It is expected to be back on-line in the next few weeks.

The Annual meeting will be in Grand Rapids this July. A new event is planned for the day before the conference starts. We will have an organized ATV ride through the Thistledeu State ATV trail. You must bring your own ATV.

The next meeting will be a Joint SE and SW Section meeting in New Ulm on May 6 .

A request has been made to start an email network for the SE Section to share ideas and help problem solve. If you would like to give your email address and join the email network you would be able to communicate with other wastewater professionals in the SE Section. Steve Bushman has agreed to start the database and ensure no members use the database for sales or spam. This is not currently regulated by the MWOA, and participation is only voluntary.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jones
SE Chairman