

MWOA Business Meeting Minutes

Southeast Section

Location: Pine Island American Legion

Date: February 11, 2015

Called to Order: 11:30 AM

Chairman –Amy Schreader

38 paid attendees in Pine Island

Net Gain \$35.00

Secretary: Minutes from Winnebago October 2014

Read and Approved through a motion and second

Treasury Report Todd Arlander reported \$3102.01 in treasury,

Balance Start in January 2014 \$2279.29

Last Year Activity was- \$2051.38 Expense \$2947.97 Revenue from 3 meetings

Director's Report Todd Arlander relayed some notes from Director Gad who was not in attendance:
Annual Conference in Grand Rapids July 28-31, encourage members to attend.

Fees: \$150.00 before July 1, \$175.00 there-after.

Wastewater advertising fees are going to be raised by \$70.00 added revenue will help support and change website availability.

Board is asking question: Does SW Section wish to help support meetings in NW, where MWOA is struggling?

Old Business

Chairman Schreader brought comments to the floor regarding SE Section mentoring opportunity. Amy has (2) Operators who have stepped forward and volunteered to help someone new in the field. She has been in contact with the Schools in St. Cloud and Vermillion, and made contact available for graduates. We are working through the instructors there. No activity has taken place out in the field at this time.

The Membership drive is still on. The group was asked to continue to help increase our numbers with new or bring back former members to the ranks. Contest again this year.

New Business

In discussion regarding SE Section Budget, and possibly using some of our funds for:

Rick Ashling- Support the Scholarship fund, before the Annual Meeting. Craig Anderson fund has been completed, so there is a need if we wish to help support candidates in the future. After some discussion:

Motion by Dean Nelson and seconded by Dave Lane: Support Fund annually in the amount of \$500.00. Action to be implemented and to continue yearly. Annual review of amount and availability through agreement by Section Chair, Treasurer and Director. Motion supported unanimously from membership.

After discussion: The body approved continued support in form of Conference Registration fees for Section Award winners, providing they applied for State Level Operator awards before the early bird rate expires on July 1, 2015. They would have to apply for the assistance. Motion by Dean Nelson, second Rick Ashling.

Discussion followed regarding support and possibly Joining as an associate member- MESERB. Dave Lane, current MESERB President explained some of the action and work of MESERB.

It was decided that the legality of joining MESERB as the SE Section MWOA would be looked into. The topic will be revisited at the Combined Section Meeting in New Ulm in May.

Operator of the Year:

The following nominations were made for Operator of the Year-

Class A	Josh Gad Mankato	Kevin Strain Byron
	Carl Sonnenberg	Waseca
Class B	Greg Rud Hayfield	Wes Anway Cannon Falls
Class C		Pete Burns Doyle Jorgenson
Class D		James Hitchcock
Rookie		Bobby Houlihan Mankato
Maintenance	Brian Bollman	Tommy Theisse Mankato
Special Recognition		Dale Tranter Foth
Class S A through		Tom Judd Faribault
Laboratory	Amy Schreader	Kelsey Van Deussen
Chairman Schreader withdrew		

Winners

Class A	Kevin Strain	Maintenance	Brian Bollman
Class B	Greg Rud	Laboratory	Kelsey Van Deussen
Class C	Pete Burns	Collections	Tom Judd
Class D	James Lee Hitchcock	Special Recognition	Dale Tranter
Rookie	Bobby Houlihan		

Other Business
from floor New
Business

Winners of the SE Section Awards were announced (ABOVE)

There was a motion made and seconded from the floor to Adjourn at 1:30 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted by Todd Arlander