

MWOA Business Meeting Minutes

Southeast Section

Location: Winnebago SE Section Meeting
Called to Order: 11:15 AM

Date: October 8, 2014
Chairman –Amy Schreader

Secretary: Draft Minutes from Winnebago meeting
Treasury Report Todd Arlander reported \$3337.12 in treasury,

Balance Start in January was \$2279.29

Last Year Activity included sponsorship for Conference Fees at the Annual Meeting for 2014

Award Winners: Operator of the year.

Move to Approve Treasurer's Report: John Granlund, second, Jim Bruender- approved by the members.

Minutes were partially read, and reviewed for the group-Approved

Director's Report Director Josh Gad reported from the Board meeting and activity:
Annual Meeting was well attended and well supported by the Vendors and vendor display. There has been some discussion regarding the "start up" of a new track at the Conference: Wastewater 101. This track would continue for the 3 day meeting and try to bring "Basic Wastewater" items to the Program.
The Board also discussed bringing a "hands on competition" similar to the timed water meter rebuilding contest the AWWA sponsor- "Meter Madness"
Anyone with ideas regarding a wastewater contest format or event is encouraged to make it known to your Section Officers.

Other
Committees No Committee reports at this time.

Old Business Wastewatcher:
Jerry Balbach is working on the new website refurbishing, along with a new webmaster.

Membership drive contest: Amy reported that MWOA increased in membership by 20 new members last year. Nine of the new members came in with reported sponsors (for the contest) There was a three-way tie for sponsorship of the most new members at: two. One winner was chosen for the Samsung Tablet by the drawing of straws. At this time we don't know if the short straw, or the long got the prize, but certainly somebody did.

Amy also reported on the Combined AWWA, MWOA area meeting in the SE area. The possibility of continuing next year with a similar event will be looked at by members of AWWA in February. MWOA participation on planning for next year will be determined at a later date. The attendance for the August 2014 meeting was: 24 for complete two day registration, 15 for first day only, and 4 for second day only.

Chairman Schreader is still pursuing a MWOA mentorship program. She has heard from two of our Section members that are willing to help out new Operators with mentorship assistance.

She is open for more volunteers. Amy is in contact with Keith Redmond, Dianne Navratil, and Wade Klingsporn regarding the possibility of using this program.

Award Plaques for 2014 Section Awards were passed out to the winners from each category that were present at the meeting. Secretary Arlander took the plaques that were not delivered at the meeting.

New Business

LeSueur is willing and will be request to host our February 2015 Section Meeting
New Ulm will likely be the host for the May 2015 Combined Section Meeting.
Nominations for Operator of the Year – the floor had no nominations at this time.

- Electronic forms are available to members that will choose to nominate.
- Participation is encouraged
- Let's fill every category and "sweep" the State Awards at the Annual.

Motion from the floor

Motion Made

Made by and seconded

To Adjourn:

Darold Niehaus, Karmen Bartholomew

Adjourned at 12 PM

Attendance: 28 on the sign-up sheet

Meeting Revenue for 26 paid attendance