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MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

July 27th, 2017

MACS Meeting at Little Log House Pioneer Village.

Pat Veraguth called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Attendance: Steve Jobe, Russ Heiling, Tim Eklund, Pete Jenkins, Robin Mathews, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Mark Severtson, Brian Praske, Mike Fangman, Tammy Mauss, Eric Schmitt, Mike Winfield, Larry Hoium, Roger Brand, Jeff Ekblad, Lisa Hanni, Preston Dowell, Julie Groetsch.

Visitors: Jean Birbilis, Tom Birbilis.

Lisa Hanni and David Claypool provided group with history of Little Log House Pioneer Village.

Approval of Minutes: May 3rd, 2017. Motion - Robin Mathews. Second – Steve Jobe. Approved.

Membership Report: 39 Voting members and 8 Affiliate members.

Treasurer's Report: \$19,868.09 in treasury.

Legislative Committee Report: Julie Groetsch updated group. Discussed suggested revised language for land surveys for the Gopher State One Call system. Julie will send information to Jim to send out. Robin Mathews reported that the rules package is ready to move forward.

Long Range Planning Committee: No updates.

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Fall Seminar/Fall Planning meeting: The following seminar topics are being planned. Jim Hentges will send out a Save the Date notice to the schools.

- Government notes/Cursive Handwriting Analysis (Lisa Hanni, Goodhue/Dodge County Surveyor)
- Subdivision Platting (Tim Eklund Deputy County Surveyor, Hennepin County)
- Certified Survey Technician Program (Rick Morey, Retired MnDOT)
- Distracted Driving/ Winter Driving (XXXXXX)
- Public Land Survey System Section Corners (Robin Mathews, Pine County Surveyor)
- Tree/Wood Identification presentation/ Other presentation

Pat Veraguth suggested a MACS strategic planning meeting on Friday after the seminar. The group felt that would be a good idea. MACS strategic planning meeting will take place Friday morning October 27.

MACS/MACE summer meeting presentation: Pat Veraguth and Steve Jobe updated group on MACS presentation to the County Engineers association. Pat said the presentation lasted about 2 hours with the presentation and questions. There was discussion on how to bring the message to other groups. Pat discussed the PLS survey and the results of the survey. There was discussion about presenting information to the County Records group. There was also discussion on what corners should be included in the survey. Consensus was that if a corner was set in the original survey it should be included. Lisa Hanni passed out a map of the County Surveyors. If you notice anything that needs to be corrected, please let Lisa know.

MSPS Summer meeting: Pat Veraguth said that the MACS Board has been invited to the MSPS Summer meeting on August 30th. Tim Eklund, Pat Veraguth and Russ Heiling volunteered to attend.

Minnesota PLS: There was discussion on funding for the PLS. Pat said there was an attempt to fund PLS remonumentation in the late 70's but nothing ever came of it. There were questions on how the remonumentation should be done. Preston Dowell said that St. Louis County has a program and that it is contracted out. The county oversees the whole process. They get about 200 corners done a year. There was discussion on maybe creating a committee or person to help oversee a state-wide program. Discussion on different options for funding the program. Tim Eklund suggested MACS put together a model to show how it could be done as an example. It was suggested that a MACS subcommittee be formed to look at a program and options. Tim Eklund, Lisa Hanni, Preston Dowell, Dale Lempke and Pat Veraguth volunteered to be on subcommittee. Lisa Hanni will organize initial meeting.

AMC Booth: Robin Mathews reported that Dick Walters volunteered to man the booth during the AMC conference. Robin asked for suggestions for updating the booth information. Send any suggestions to Robin.

NACS membership: Pat Veraguth discussed information on Affiliate membership to NACS. **Tim Eklund made motion to add Affiliate membership to NACS to the Affiliate dues for MACS. Second by Russ Heiling. Motion approved.** NACS affiliate membership is 25 dollars and MACS affiliate membership is 25 dollars. New affiliate dues will be 50 dollars next year.

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CIC discussion: Russ Heiling discussed a situation where someone wants to separate a unit from a CIC and how to describe the old unit that was separated. Russ also asked about plat checking fees for other counties.

Future of Surveying forum: Lisa Hanni updated group and will send out links to surveying. Lisa discussed getting survey profession information out to school counselors and about the need for surveyors. Lisa suggested MACS put together a MACS video for AMC booth. Robin Mathews discussed Future City membership and mentorship and encouraged surveyors to get involved. Robin will send a list of participating schools to Jim to distribute to members.

State Board update: Robin Mathews updated group on happenings at the State Board and provided handout. Robin also informed the group that Lisa Hanni has won the NCEES Distinguished Service Award Central Zone and the NCEES Distinguished Service Award at the national level. Congratulations Lisa.

MnDOT update: Peter Jenkins updated the group on what is happening with disposition right of way plats. Pete also discussed changes in the MnDOT graduate Land Surveyor program for remonumentation experience.

Pete also discussed locations at the capitol for the surveying exhibit. There are 2 places that could work. Pete asked for a .pdf of the MACS banner.

Other: Preston Dowell said that MSPS is looking to a metes and bounds presentation for the MSPS annual meeting.

Next Meeting: Next MACS meeting will be on September 7th @ Duluth @ 10:00 AM.

Adjourn: Robin Mathews motion to adjourn meeting. Lisa Hanni second.

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