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MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

May 3rd, 2017

MACS Meeting at Wright County.

Pat Veraguth called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

Attendance: Steve Jobe, Nick Stewart, Russ Heiling, Tim Eklund, Rick Morey, Pete Jenkins, Robin Mathews, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Jared Kotasek, Mark Severtson, Chris Mavis, Chuck Gitzen, Tony Edelbrook, Eric Stennes, Brian Praske, Scott Marlin, Mike Fangman, Tammy Mauss, Eric Schmitt, Todd Hendershott.

Approval of Minutes: March 15th, 2017. Motion - Robin Mathews. Second – Steve Jobe. Approved.

Membership Report: 39 Voting members and 8 Affiliate members. Dues notices for 2017 have been sent out.

Treasurer's Report: \$17,618.09 in treasury.

Legislative Committee Report: Pat Veraguth mentioned there is proposed legislation regarding parcel splits and having the county be able to review and approve them. Steve Jobe suggested trying to get regular updates on legislative issues from Julie Groetsch @ MnDOT or someone else if possible.

Long Range Planning Committee: No updates.

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NACS membership: Pat Veraguth contacted NACS about a dual membership with MACS and NACS. Steve Jobe suggested options for people who may not be interested in being a NACS member. Discussion on several options ensued. **Steve Jobe made a motion to combine and make dual membership for voting members of MACS. The approximate cost would be \$85.00 dollars. Motion passed.**

St. Cloud State University update: Steve Jobe updated the group on meetings that have been going on regarding the surveying program at SCSU. Mike Fangman said there was a chance that SCSU would drop the program. Pete Jenkins discussed the value of the program to the group and the university. Pete noted the program needs approximately 35 students to survive. There was discussion on the options for continuing the program including online possibilities or moving the program to a different department at the university. Also discussion on how the program could be structured in the future to meet education requirements.

MACS presentation at County Engineers Conference: Pat Veraguth said he is planning an hour long presentation for the meeting. Pat asked if there were any volunteers to help out. Steve Jobe, Mike Fangman and Scott Marlin offered to help. The group also discussed making a presentation at the AMC conference. Chris Mavis, Rick Morey and Scott Marlin offered to put together an application to present at the conference.

Temporary Easements on 505 plats: Tim Eklund initiated discussion on a temporary road easement that could end up being conditional and whether it should be shown on a plat. The consensus of the group was that the easement should be shown on the plat.

PLS: Pat Veraguth discussed remonumentation of the PLS. Pat provided information on how other states have funded programs for the remonumentation of the PLS. There was discussion on the need to get the word out on the importance of the remonumentation programs. Robin Mathews suggested working with MnGEO. Chris Mavis also suggested working with the Geospatial Committee. Chris Mavis and Preston Dowell have applied to be appointed to the Geospatial Committee. Discussion on putting out a survey to the County Surveyors group on status of PLS corners in their counties. Pete Jenkins advised that MnDOT has information on counties. Mike Fangman offered to put together a survey using survey monkey.

MACS Website: Mike Fangman offered to continue web work for the MACS website. Group also thanks Dan Baar for all the work he has done on the website.

By-laws update: There was discussion on updating the MACS by-laws. Jim Hentges offered to draft updated by-laws for the group to review.

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Fall Seminar: Tim Eklund will check on a 90 minute safety presentation. Pete Jenkins suggested a tree/wood identification presentation. Pete suggested Dr. Curt Kiffmiller @ U of M. Steve Jobe suggested MnDOT do a short version of the presentation. Other commitments/ideas. Robin Mathews for 1 hour. Tim Eklund 1 hour and check on 1.5 hour safety presentation. Pete Jenkins 1.5 – 2.0 hour tree identification presentation by either MACS or MnDOT. Presentation on cursive writing – Robin will talk to Lisa Hanni about presenting. Back up presentations by Rick Morey on ethics or Certified Survey Tech program. Pat Veraguth asked about having a joint meeting with MSPS. Tim Eklund suggested a MACS Strategic Planning meeting and then meet with MSPS. Suggested that MACS strategic planning meeting be on Oct. 27th the day after the seminar.

State Board update: Robin Mathews updated group on happenings at the State Board and provided handout.

Other: Robin Mathews informed group about an article in the Bench and Bar magazine about surveying. Pete Jenkins discussed project on the value of County Surveyors for research group. Pete will send link to Jim to distribute. Pete also talked about MnDOT working on a draft disposition plat. Pete will share draft with MACS when ready.

Next Meeting: Next MACS meeting will be on July 27th @ the Little Log House Pioneer Village @ 10:00 AM.

Adjourn: Tim Eklund motion to adjourn meeting. Eric Schmitt second.