

MSPA 2006 Annual Meeting
March 11, 2006
South Saint Paul, MN – Fleming Field Airport

Called to order by president Dave Langer – 9:02am.

16 people in attendance.

Minutes from last year's annual meeting reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from last year's meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

- Add merchandise and tables to assets.
- Motion made and seconded to accept treasurer's report from last year's meeting. Motion carried.

Membership report

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Merchandise report

- Fire sale at Cragun's to get rid of old merchandise.

Activity report

- Pig roast had an excellent turnout with good weather. Contracted out pig roasting this year which worked well and relieved members of having to do it.
- Paradise Supper Club on Balsam Lake north of Amery is a good new location for flying in for dinner. Note unmarked power lines running from just west of the club on the south shore to an island off shore (power line runs north-south).
- Numerous other fly-in dinner locations are available and should be better published. Please provide input to Dave Langer for consolidation of these locations.

Old Business

- Outboard motor door prize discussion. Strong feelings that the raffling off of tickets for \$5 each as we did last year, to help defray the cost, should be discontinued and go back to making this a prize open to all paid up members.

New Business

- Merchandise contract. Dirk Schmidt has managed the merchandise program for the last 5 years, is stepping down from the job, and nobody else has volunteered to manage it. A HUGE thank you to Dirk for providing this service to our membership for the last several years. A proposal has been made by Speed, Props and Pylons, who has partnered with us to provide our logo merchandise, to manage the program for us. This includes managing the inventory, having our items on their web site, processing credit cards and selling at our two main functions each year. MSPA would receive 18% of gross sales. If the agreement is canceled by either party, and if so, MSPA would purchase remaining inventory at wholesale cost not to exceed \$2,000. Motion made and seconded to direct the board to enter into agreement per proposal for two years. Motion carried.
- Ray Vought? from MNDot brought up concerns over the proposed new Vikings stadium in Blaine that would include a TFR covering ANE and Surfside one hour before and one hour after any event that has more than 30,000 people. MSPA will provide input in writing stating our opposition of any reduction in airspace use.
- MNDot revenues have dropped off due to airline bankruptcies and will be \$2.3 million short by end of 2007. There are bills in legislation to pay back the MN Aviation Trust fund earlier than planned, that had been taken (\$15 million) and put into the general fund for the state when the state was having budget deficits. MNDot would like a letter from

MSPA stating our support of this legislation. Specifically, ½ of the \$15mm this year and ½ next year. Ray will provide information and contact.

- Motion made and seconded to direct board to purchase a base station radio to provide traffic advisories at our two primary events.
- Annual safety seminar planning. Negotiated a new one night option, and added a new \$25 discount for early registrations. Current contract with Craguns is through 2007, then we will look at rebidding for the following years. There were complaints last year about cost and quality of the food. Need some kind of handout to brief pilots on procedures for fly-bys. Guest speaker is the chief pilot for the U.S. Department of the Interior from Alaska. Planning on having numerous instructors available again this year for free recurrent training in your aircraft.
- Gordy Newstrom passed away last year, and some kind of tribute and recognition of his contributions to aviation and float flying would be appropriate. A letter to the family and recognition at the annual fly-in will be planned.
- Mike Volk is resigning as Executive Director of SPA, and they are looking for a replacement. See their web site for more information if you are interested. They are also looking for additional board members.
- Roster discussion indicates that this is a good resource for members and want to see it continued.
- Bruce Hanson induction to MN Aviation Hall of Fame. As the founder of MSPA, we would like to recognize Bruce at our annual fly-in. Motion made and seconded to pay for his two night stay at Cragun's and to provide a plaque in recognition of his contributions. Motion approved.
- Election of officers. Nominated: President – Brian Addis, Treasurer – Jim Baker, Secretary – Kirk Lindberg. No nomination for President Elect. Terms are two years (President Elect is for one year, followed by President for one year). Motion and second to approve slate of officers. Motion approved. Still need to find a President Elect nomination, and vote that person in at the annual safety fly-in.