

MSPA 2008 Annual Meeting  
March 8, 2008  
South St. Paul, MN Fleming Field

Called to order by President Bruce Wiley – 9:00am.

15 People in attendance (same as 2006...)

1. Call to order. Introduction of membership present.
  - a. Bruce Wiley – President
  - b. Jim Baker - Treasurer – unable to attend
  - c. Kirk Lindberg – Secretary
  - d. Eric Hynnek - VP
2. Minutes from 2007
  - a. Motion by Brian Addis to accept as published. Second – Mike Aune. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Expenses for 2007 = \$6,545.56, Income = \$8,233.41. Net income = \$1,687.85. Checking account = \$8,551.03, Savings Account = \$23,106.95, Total assets = \$31,657.98.
  - b. Discussion about putting some of our cash assets into CDs. Motion made to put \$20k into CDs. Motion second. Motion carried.
  - c. Motion to approve treasurer's report. Motion second and carried.
4. Membership Report
  - a. 317 members as of 2-26-2008. This compares to 296 at this time last year. About 60 memberships not renewed at the end of December 2007.
5. Old Business
  - a. Weed harvesting at Surfside. MSPA paid \$1500. Total cost was about \$4500. Surfside's residents contributed as well. Process was very slow. Cleared out a nice area around the front of the place. In Bruce Hanson's opinion, what we got wasn't worth what it cost and did not recommend doing it again. Another lake nearby used chemicals, which seemed to be much more effective.
    - i. Motion made to approve contributing \$2200 toward the cost of using of herbicides this year at Surfside. Decision to be made by Bruce Hanson as to whether or not they will do this. Second. Motion carried.
    - ii. Motion made by Mike Aune to contact MNDot to see if they will contribute or help with cleaning weeds from the lake since this is a "state runway". "Dredging is ok, pulling weeds is not." Motioned dropped after discussion.
6. New Business
  - a. Spring annual Safety Seminar discussion
    - i. Some people say we don't charge enough based on what is offered (assume this is for those attending just for the day).
    - ii. Others say resort costs (room and board) are too high, fewer people participating.
    - iii. Costs are "subsidized" by those staying in the rooms.
    - iv. Motion by Brian Addis to increase exhibitor cost, but keep the daily attendance fee the same. The idea would be to have the exhibitors "subsidize" the room rates, rather than the other way around. Motion retracted.  
Discussion:

- a. Goal is to increase attendance.
      - b. Concern about losing exhibitors if cost is increased.
      - c. Are there some things we can do to draw families, like use the increased cost to provide activities for kids?
    - v. Motion by Eric Hynnek to examine an increase exhibitor fee a modest amount (<\$25) starting this year. Motion amended by Bruce Hanson to set the fee at \$95 per table. Motion carried.
    - vi. Bose headset vs. outboard motor for grand prize. Will stay with Bose headset.
    - vii. Customs and border protection rules are proposed to be changed to require internet/electronic filing. Many objections to this due to lack of access to the internet at many locations where float pilots fly. Nobody was certain what the status of this is at the current time.
      - 1. Motion made by Brian Addis to contact speaker for U.S. Customs. Second. Motion carried.
  - b. SPA dealing with issues regarding the Missouri river being closed to seaplane traffic. Not much response on what is going on, and they have no interest in attending our event. Eric Hynnek had a poor experience trying to contact SPA management at Oshkosh. They didn't show up when they said they would. They do attend Washington and Alaska conferences. Columbia SPA says they are not getting much support from SPA. Should we try and communicate our disappointment with SPA? Motion made by Eric Hynneck to invite SPA to attend and speak at our event. Second by Bruce Hanson. Motion carried.
  - c. Merchandise. Sharon from Speed, Props and Pylons displayed some new products and asked for feedback on adding some new MSPA logo merchandise. MSPA continues to get 18% of sales of MSPA logo merchandise. There is a link on the MSPA web site and in the newsletters to their web site. Request to have stickers made again. Requires order of 5000. Sharon will get cost to board with goal of availability for the annual safety seminar.
  - d. Question by Kirk Lindberg if we would like to publish annual meeting minutes on the MSPA web site. This would make it easy for people who did not attend to see what went on at the meeting. Is there a concern about non-MSPA members seeing this information? Consensus was to go ahead and do this.
7. Election of Officers –
  - Nominations:
  - President – Bruce Wiley
  - Vice President – Eric Hynnek
  - Treasurer – Pam Freese
  - Secretary – Len Christianson
  - a. Discussion on length of term and number of members on the board. Motion made to eliminate term length from the by-laws. Motion died for lack of second.
  - b. Discussion
    - i. Why eliminate the one year term, since at each annual meeting we can just re-elect members as required.
    - ii. Discussion on adding another board position. Consensus is that this is not required.
  - c. Motion made, second, carried for each of the listed nominees.
  - d. Eric thanked Jim Baker and Kirk Lindberg for their contribution and service to the organization as they served their terms as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.
8. Motion, second and carried to adjourn at 11:10am.

