

Next meeting:  
Cast Iron  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017  
5:30 Social Hour - 6:30 Business Meeting

**MSPS Arrowhead Chapter 4 Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2017**

**Members present:** Mike Smith, Preston Dowell, Chris Mattila, Nick Stewart, Duane Kyrola, Paul Voge, Todd Hendershott, Greg Stoewer

**Guests:** None

**Meeting Opened**

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Smith at 6:39 PM. @ Valentini's in Chisholm, MN.

**Treasurer's Report and Minutes Review**

Meeting minutes from February 9, 2017 were emailed to members. Motion to approve by NS, 2nd CM. Approved.

Treasurer's report dated April 16, 2017 was emailed around to members. Motion to approve by DK, 2nd CM. Approved.

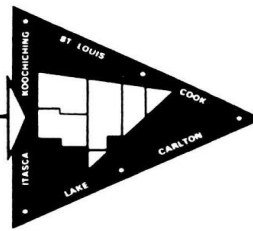
NOTE: US Bank started charging \$5 per month for paper statements. Preston signed up for electronic statements only which eliminate that cost.

**Old Business**

Discussion of scanning status of surveys filed per Ordinance 21. Range 17-21 outside of Duluth are in process. SLC intends to scan the rest as the year goes on. Planning on ranges 16-12 next, but it will depend on how many the vendor can handle. MS stated that he felt like the project was good so far. Discussion on submitting pdf in lieu of paper copies. SLC will not accept pdfs, since they will need to print, then stamp, then rescan.

DK gave an update on the Trigstar event. 25 Students. Report emailed to members. GS volunteered to help recruit more students. DK stated that if he got more commitment from Chapter members, he would call TV stations to get some publicity for the event. Discussion on ways to get more schools and students, possibly on the Iron Range.

Questions regarding the BIS records should be directed to Preston at SLC. The first set of field books are scanned, approximately 80. Bear Island Survey and Salo records are available in the SLC Surveyor's Office. Contact Preston for database queries and access.



### **New Business**

The USFS hiring freeze has been lifted, but no word on the status of the SNF surveyor position.

Preston relayed a message from Chris Mavis, MSPS President Elect, regarding the board of directors upcoming strategic planning session. The board is looking at long term planning for the society's goals and missions. If you have any concerns or input, contact a state board member. Group discussion notes as follows:

- Why are you a MSPS member?
- How do we promote more youth to get into the profession. Should focus on early education.
  - The Boy Scout Merit Badge seems to be a good way to get to young people that fit the surveyor mold.
- What does Trigstar do?
  - The winners don't go into surveying
  - Are we looking for the mediocre students?
- Field work is getting “easier”, but office work is hard to keep up.
- Typically we see the profession as outdoors people, is that still true?
- What is the long term viability of surveying?
- Most surveyors fall into the profession. How can this be “promoted”?
- Video Idea: “A day in the Life of a surveyor”
- Surveyors like maps. Phones and computers make maps obsolete.
  - Are we looking at GIS programs to expand our profession? This is where the people are interested in maps.
- Is the St. Cloud program a “hurdle” do to the dual nature of the program?
  - Work with St. Cloud to smooth transition.

MNGeo is attempting to align boundary data and looking at updating the statewide PLSS dataset. Preston will be applying to the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council to make sure that a surveyor is involved in this process (currently no surveyors are on the council).

### **Meeting Closure**

Motion to adjourn by PD, 2nd DK. Approved and Adjourned.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be in the Duluth area on Wednesday August 16th.  
Location: Cast Iron, 5906 Old Miller Trunk Highway, Duluth, MN 55811.