

Next meeting:
Ely Steakhouse, Ely, MN
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
5:30 Social Hour - 6:30 Business Meeting

**MSPS Arrowhead Chapter 4 Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2017**

Members present: Mike Smith, Preston Dowell, Nick Stewart, Duane Kyrola, Paul Voge, Todd Hendershott, Greg Stoewer, LaVerne Leuelling, Paul Vogel, Tony Lueck, Maureen Hayes

Guests: None

Meeting Opened

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Smith at 6:41 PM. @ Cast Iron in Pike Lake, MN.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes Review

Meeting minutes from April 19, 2017 were emailed to members. Motion to approve by NS, 2nd GS. Approved.

Treasurer's report dated August 3, 2017 was emailed around to members. Motion to approve by PV, 2nd NS. Approved.

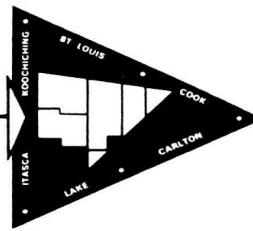
Old Business

Discussion of scanning status of surveys filed per Ordinance 21. New batch of surveys should be available soon. Anticipate completion of back scanning in 2-3 months. Discussion on submitting pdf in lieu of paper copies. SLC will not accept pdfs, since they will need to print, then stamp, then rescan. Will consider the option in the future

Questions regarding the BIS records should be directed to Preston at SLC. The BIS field book index has been integrated into the CSMI. Scanning of books still moving forward. If you need access to BIS records that you see in CSMI, contact Preston.

The USFS has hired LaVerne Leulling as a contract employee to fulfill some of their surveying needs. Hiring freeze has been lifted, but no word on the status of the SNF surveyor position. There is internal USFS debate as to whether or not they will hire a full time surveyor. Records are available, contact LaVerne for access. Best to contact on his personal cell 218-269-2705.

Preston was appointed to the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council. Explained why he volunteered and will keep the chapter informed on status of the Council.



New Business

Summer convention in 2018 will be hosted by Chapter 4. Discussion on ideas for location, activities, past successes. Preston will look into past profit/loss statements and update the membership.

Possible Locations:

Iron Range -Mike Smith will make contact with some possible places

Pier B - Paul Vogel will make contact

Two Harbors - Greg Stower will make contact

Speaker:

IBC Director: Paul Vogel will contact if needed.

Decided that we needed to get a place secured soon, come with ideas at the next meeting.

Paul Vogel gave an update on the NCEES and the possibility of splitting the license exam into PLSS vs Colonial. There is also the possibility that the exam will be nationwide (eliminating state specific) If you have any input, contact Paul. Also gave update on licence board rule changes. Discussion about board issues and regulations. Is the board working for us as surveyors? Paul is trying to streamline the process so license holders can more easily get clarification and answers to questions.

Duane gave update on UMD Engineering program. They are concerned with the lack of surveyors entering the field.

Meeting Closure

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

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be at the Ely Steak House, 216 East Sheridan Street, Ely, MN 55731 on Wednesday October 18th.