

MASE Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2008

Augusta, ME

3:00 PM

Attending:

Dave Marceau, President

Ken Stratton, Vice President

Richard Green, Secretary

Gary Fullerton, Treasurer

Bill O'Connor, Director

Dan Locke, Director

Dale Knapp, Director

Clough Toppan, Legislative Committee

Doug Coombs, State Site Evaluator

Items:

Treasurer's Report

Gary Fullerton provided us with a current treasurer's report which showed assets of \$22,299.22 as of April 9, 2008. Overdue reminders to members who have not yet renewed will be sent out shortly.

Legislative Committee Report

Clough discussed the possibility of hiring Judy Harvie as a legislative tracker who would report and summarize legislative issues of interest to MASE. He will get further details regarding what would be provided and costs. Doug will check with the Maine Society of Land Surveyors to find out how they track legislative issues.

Potential MASE Funding Projects

The following items were discussed:

- A portable projector screen is needed. Dave will research screens. Dan will check and see what is used in his office.
- Website/Newsletter Improvement: Richard volunteered to work on the newsletter and website.
- Scholarships – MASE would like to fund scholarships of some sort. Dale suggested helping to fund an internship with a site evaluator. Dave will develop a list of possible guidelines to follow for scholarships or internships. It was moved to provide \$1000 for an internship.
- Construction of septic systems for education and research: Doug was involved with installations done to Code Enforcement Training at Highmoor Farm. There are some tentative plans to do some installations in Fairfield. MASE may consider involvement when more details are known. Ken will work with Doug in pursuing this project.
- Maine School of Conservation: Dan will get more details on this educational program.
- Research on septic system fill material: Possibly a future project.

MAPSS/MASE workshop at Reid State Park

This will take place September 3. The board decided to provide some type of beverages but not food. Site Evaluator field exam will be later that month. The written exam is on May 15.

Request from Wetland Scientists for letter of support on certification for wetland delineators

Jim Boyle requested a letter of support. MASE will support the concept but needs to know details before fully backing it. Dave will draft a letter.

Golf Tournament

Dave Kamila and Bruce Johnson have this under control, set for June 20.

Position Papers

MASE needs to get listings of current issues and plan to be involved if necessary by writing position papers and testifying.

Annual Meeting

Most people were happy with the Millenium facilities except for the parking issue. It appeared that more parking would have been available if it had been cleared of snow. We will consider using again if they show a commitment to solving the parking problem. The civic center is another possibility, and someone will research its costs. Ken will research the Civic Center prices.

The Next Meeting will be held June 18, 2008 in Augusta.