

**SE/SW Section Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2003**

WisPak, Inc., Mankato, Mn.

SE Section Business Meeting was called to order at 11:30am by Chairman Rick Olson.

The minutes and treasury report were presented by Jamison Holland. The account balance as of Nov. 5, 2002 is \$453.00. Dean Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes as read and was seconded by Terry Haagenson.

Old Business:

There was discussion led by Chairman Olson about the current meeting fee of \$15.00. He was in favor of keeping the fee at \$15.00. He understands that we need a balance in the account to cover unexpected expenses, but feels that \$15.00/person/meeting should be enough. Discussion was held as to when we need a balance. It is used when there is a problem with a meeting such as bad weather forcing a low turn out. It was stressed by several who have hosted meetings, how important it is to RSVP before the meeting and if you need to cancel, a more than 24 hour notice would be helpful. There was no action to change the fees so they stand at \$15.00/person/meeting.

Fall Meeting – There was discussion about the fall meeting schedule. The September meeting runs fairly close to the annual meeting. It could be cancelled as a way to increase attendance at the annual. The only negative is that it puts pressure on the association to finish the nominations for annual awards and voting. Dean Nelson voted to combine the fall meetings into an October meeting. Rich Morris seconded the motion. The vote to pass was unanimous.

New Business:

The meeting scheduled for 2003 – February Association meeting is in Blue Earth, MWOA Annual is in Moorhead and the Federation meeting is Feb. 26th.

Nominations were opened for operator of the year awards:

Class A: Steve Bushman, Rick Olson, Jim Bruender

Class B: Keith Maas

Class C: Darrel Lastimoso, Jamison Holland, Pat Kudellik, Brian Severns

Class D: Kevin Jahnke

Rookie: Lanny Haukom

Maint: Troy Shumski

Lab: Barb Pikal

Special Recognition: Terry Fogal

Collections: No nominations

Dean Nelson motioned to close nominations and Jim Bruender seconded.

Dean Nelson reported that the May 2003 meeting will be in St. Peter.

Jamison Holland reported on a microbiology course he recently attended that was sponsored by Penn State Univ.

Dean Nelson thanked Brian Severns and WisPak for sponsoring the meeting.

Terry Haagenson motioned for adjournment at 11:55pm.

Submitted by,

Jamison Holland for Linda Huston, Sec/Tres.

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