

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Shomion, welcome to all.

Introductions were held and a quorum was determined

**Secretary's Report: By Ryan Otte,** The meeting minutes from the Summer Chapter meeting are finalized and posted on the Northland Chapter Website.

**Treasure's Report: By Ken Russell,** The 2013 Curt Larson Memorial Golf outing was held again at Thumper pond, total revenue \$5,200.00 and \$3,500.00 went to the Foundation. Current checking account balance is \$41,020.78. Ryan made motion to accept Tim Marthe 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes.

A Special Award was presented to Jon Jackels for 40 years with MNDOT and 24 years with Northland Chapter, Thanks Jon!!

**Board Update:** Nothing at this time

**National ATSSA update:** By Laura Perrotta,

- HSIP Funding SAFETEA-LU 1.3 Billion
- Map-21 Funding 2.4 Billion, almost doubled funding from the last highway bill
- The next Highway bill will be focused on duration, more money and safety
- The Highway trust fund will run out of money this July or August, this is money set aside from the gas tax. This is going to run out because of new technologies like electric cars, higher gas mileage vehicles, and the gas tax hasn't been increased since 1993 and it was never indexed to inflation. The buying power is no longer the same.
- Current law expires on September 30, 2014
- ATSSA Lobbying on next bill
  - Currently the biggest challenge is Funding
  - Options are: Increase Rev to meet current spending, increase gas tax, bonding, Sales tax in lieu of gas tax, repatriation of off shore tax dollars.
  - 80% of gas tax goes to highways, the rest goes to transit
- There may be another bail out because there is a good chance this is not resolved in time, the bailout would probably have to be from the General Fund. This is a bad situation because then we lose the protection of being a user fee based program.
- New "Toward Zero Deaths" Policy, see attached
- Congressmen site visits are a very good way to build awareness and show the need for highway funding. Also, a great opportunity for your company to build a relationship with your member of congress.
- Fly in is April 2-3, 2014, there will be a lot of people who actually write the bill present, please consider attending
- Chapter Legislative Liaison, this is someone to stay aware and be involved with the happenings with on Capitol Hill. Currently looking for a volunteer from this Chapter.

**National Update: Mike Metzig ,** Showed map of current chapter map, 6 new chapters have been added. 4 Goals of ATSSA are, Advocacy, Communication, Training & Education, and Member Business Development.

Webinar Wednesdays: On-site Training \$99 for members, \$119 for non-members.

National EXPO was held in San Antonio this year, about 3000 attendees, 200 exhibitors, 450 booths and 30+ DOT Agencies attended, 45 scholarships given to government agencies. The Foundation and National ATSSA thank Northland Chapter for the challenge to other chapters to raise money to be donated to the ATSS Foundation. Lori Diaz is the current contact.

**EXPO Update: Chad, Tim, Reed:** Tim mentioned that it was a good show and we need to get more government agencies involved with going to EXPO by using some of the chapter money. Ken Russell mentioned this is something that would help get more involvement. Jon Jackels mentioned The State Aid office is currently doing this every year by sending 2 county engineers, they bring their experiences back to share at a local level.

**How To Update: Mike:** Attendance is looking really good, up from prior years. There are 138 people signed up for the Striper Training.

**Old Business: Rick:** Golf Outing, Thinking about lowering the price from 100.00 down to \$75 for the golf outing to get more involvement.

Anatomy of a Winter Storm Video: MNDOT and the Northland chapter teamed up to fund this project. It is a video on life in a plow truck and what operators go through to prepare, during and after the storm.

**New Business: Reed Leidle:** Reed made the Committee aware that MNDOT is in the process of re-writing the Traffic Control specifications and said MNDOT is currently considering industry comments / concerns. Reed also suggested the Northland Chapter speak with MNDOT leadership staff about promoting both MNDOT's involvement in our Chapter and Industry relations.

**County Engineer Group:** Jon Jackels, look at the minutes that Jon Emailed to me and add to this portion of meeting. There is Legislation right now to reduce speed limits in work zones. Work Zone Speed Limit: work zones should be 45 mph. Great discussion on whether we should change the wording from "Shall" be 45 mph. There are issues of ignoring speed signs when really needed. Also at issue is the expense and liability if we are legally required to post work zones. HSIP Money to states, ATSSA is working on a bill that will get money from the highway down to the local level. See attached minutes.

**Elections:** Nominating Committee will be made up of Chad, Jeff, Mike and Judd. Positions that will be filled are President-elect and Director.

**National Involvement:** A Motion Made by Tim Marthe to get more people to National ATSSA funded by Northland Chapter. This will help to get more state and local individuals to the National Show. These individuals can bring their experiences back and share with the rest of the committee and possibly put them to use in their daily operations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russell, all ayes. Proposal to follow.

**Pavement Marking Committee:** There should be some sort of a training prior to each How To (preferably Monday afternoon) perhaps offer an ATSSA pavement marking course. More to come on this.

**Summer Meeting:** July 21-22, 2014 at Thumper Pond, possibly another location to be determined.

Tim Marthe motion to adjourn, Tim McChesney 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes.