

49th Annual WWOA Business Meeting Kalahari, WI

Before the start of the General Meeting, Kelly Zimmer made an announcement regarding the loss of a Fluke meter that was in George Krause's Pre-Conference Session. K. Zimmer asked if anyone took the meter to please return to someone on the Board of Directors, no questions asked.

President K. Zimmer called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Kalahari Resort, in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Roll call was taken, all Officers and Directors were present. Approximately 240 members were present for the meeting.

President Kelly Zimmer asked if there were any changes and/or additions to the agenda. None given. Wade Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda put forth. Seconded by Randy Herwig, motion carried.

President Zimmer announced that the housing at the Radisson Hotel for the 2016 Conference in La Crosse will open on Wednesday, October 14th with the rest of the housing at all of the other hotels in La Crosse to open for reservations on Friday, October 16, 2015. She also asked that all of the Past Presidents present at the current conference to please have their individual photo take after the Awards Banquet on Thursday evening. The photos will be used for the 50th Anniversary Clarifier next year.

President K. Zimmer asked for a moment of silence for all the members who had passed away in the past year.

President Zimmer welcomed Rick Olson, President for MWOA, and Jim Miller, secretary for MWOA to the meeting.

Minutes of October 9, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them was made by Lamont Albers and seconded by Harry Mathos, motioned carried.

Executive Secretary, K. Harter, distributed copies of the financial report. Ms. Harter reported the revenues for this fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 were \$174,250.48. Expenditures totaled \$157,419.35, with a net of \$17,314.32. Randy Herwig made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented, Jeff Smudde seconded. Motion carried.

NOMINATION-ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

Chairperson, Kevin Freber placed into nomination the name of Jeff Bratz for the office of Vice President. President Zimmer called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none Randy Thater made a motion that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast electing Jeff Bratz to the Vice President position. Lamont Albers seconded. Motion carried.

President Zimmer informed the membership that there were three – two-year term directorships open. President Zimmer placed into nomination three names for the office of director. These were Jeff Simpson, Jeff Smudde and Kris August. President called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, motion to close the nominations and a unanimous ballot be cast electing Jeff

Simpson, Jeff Smudde and Kris August be cast to the Director position was put forth by Paul Lange. Seconded by Randy Herwig. Motion carried.

Randy Herwig made a motion to destroy the ballets, Dale Nies seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website Committee – Jeff Bratz recognized Karen Harter and Steve Meifert for their work on the new website. Mr. Bratz also thanked Webfitters for their design work on the new website.

Operators Competition – Jeff Bratz announced the teams and winner of the Operators Competition. Teams were:

Team #1 LMD - We The Potty
Andy Vickman, Corbin Magnin, Bobby Zepnick

Team #2 LMD – Motley Poo
Dustin Jerabek, Jake Kehring, Bryan Thompson

Team #3 NCD – Turdles
Ryan Giefer, Jason Schill, Adam Clark

Team #4 NCD – Sewer Rats
Joel Goham, Jake Charron, Mitch Nosbisch

Team #5 SED – The Grinders
Tom Dixon, Mike Kelley, James Malone

Team #6 U-W Stevens Point
Alex Smudde, John Zeker, Jake Tanner

Winners were: First Place – Motley Poo (LMD)
Second Place – We The Potty (LMD Team 2)
Third Place – Turdles (NCR)

Jeff Bratz thanked the competition judges, Matt Schmidt, Jake Becken, Mark Duerr, Dan Waala, Holly Blazer, Jeff Smudde, Aaron Eichhorst, Shawn Chong, Glen Claus and Jim Miller.

Government Affairs – Kevin Freber reported that Government Affairs 2016 organizational meeting will be held on October 14, 2015. Government Affairs Symposium is scheduled for February 25, 2016.

Technical Committee Chair – Sharon Thieszen thanked everyone for the help with all of the technical sessions this year. She reminded everyone to fill out the conference evaluation forms. We need to know what we can do better and what everyone is looking for. S. Thieszen advised that anyone interested in submitting abstracts to watch for the Call for Papers which will be going out in November.

Operator Training – Jeff Smudde and Don Lintner reported that this year's training was CMOM with Chris Groh. CMOM training was held in 6 different locations throughout the state. A total of 220 people attending the sessions.

Golf Outing – Randy Herwig thanked all of the sponsors for this year’s golf outing and said everyone had a great time. There were 84 golfers.

Sporting Clays – Jim Thalke reported that there were 29 participants at Tuesday’s Sporting Clays. J. Thalke thanked all of the sponsors. Bucky Walters had the best shot of the day with 44 out of 50.

Bike Ride – Tom Crouse advised that there were five riders this year, the second year they have done this. The bike ride was a total of 28 miles, 14 miles out and 14 miles back. They all lunched in La Valle. Everyone got a Monkey Shirt and had a great time. T. Crouse thanked all of his sponsors.

President Zimmer reminded everyone of the entertainment today after the Awards Banquet. There will be card playing, cash prizes along with vendor donations.

President Zimmer called for the Exhibitor TV Raffle. Kevin Freber took the fish bowl with all of the raffle tickets out into the attendees and had someone pull a ticket. Abby Bernhagen of MSA Professional Services won the 55” TV.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Before closing the business meeting, Pete Albers asked for all of us to sing Happy Birthday to Leo Templeton who was turning 94.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Randy Herwig made a motion to adjourn. Second by Pete Albers. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on October 8, 2015 .

Minutes submitted by Karen R. Harter, Executive Secretary.