



MINUTES
General Membership Meeting
As Part of the Community Development Appreciation Day

Augusta 22, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.
Pine Tree State Arboretum

1. Welcome and Introductions by Tony Levesque, President, MCDA

Tony Levesque opened the meeting by summarizing MCDA's purpose and introducing Past Presidents, Arthur Faucher, Orman Whitcomb and Al Smith. Next he introduced attending Executive Committee Members Jim Gulnac, Ron Harriman, Rodney Lynch and Steve Dyer. There were 18 members in attendance.

2. Review of the June 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Jim Gulnac made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Paul Bernier, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Treasurer's Report

Ron Harriman presented the Treasurer's Report showing a fund balance of \$9,993.00 as of July 31, 2008. Tony Levesque explained how the dues had been restructured to help with cash flows and he mentioned all the funds that the DECD Office has aided the organization with.

Paul Bernier made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Jim Gulnac seconded the motion, there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4. Report on MMA Convention Plans

Rodney Lynch and Jim Gulnac outlined the program to be held on Thursday morning, October 9, 2008, at the Maine Municipal Association Annual Convention. MCDA and MAP are co-sponsoring two sessions on the newly enacted Maine Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit. The first session will run from 8:30 to 10:15 and will focus on the tax credit legislation and how the credit works. The second session will run from 10:15 to 11:30 will be devoted to implementation and focus on projects which are using the Maine Tax Credit.

Tony Levesque asked the group on their preference for a business meeting at the convention. The consensus was to hold a meeting after lunch at the Civic Center on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. **Tony Levesque appointed Al Smith, Ron Harriman and Wade Hanson to the nominating committee and asked them to prepare a slate of officers for the business meeting on October 9, 2008.**

Tony mentioned that he still needed help manning the booth at convention.

5. Membership Drive

Tony Levesque handed out membership brochures to everyone in attendance. Tony mentioned that he recommended that if any new application was received the fee for the remainder of the year should be waived.

Al Smith made a motion to have the application fee for any new application would cover the remainder of this year and for 2009. Paul Bernier seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

6. Other

Tony Levesque informed the group that at this time MCDA did not have any member registered for the National COSCDA Conference to be held in Williamsburg, VA in September. He asked if anyone would be interested in going. Al Smith responded that he might be interested but was concerned with the timing. Discussion followed on the deadlines being missed for this year and that the availability of transportation and hotel accommodations might be an issue.

Mike Baran made a motion that the funds earmarked to send someone to the convention be carried forward to next year. Duane Walton seconded the motion. Under discussion the question was asked if additional funds might be available. It was suggested that there might not be additional funds, there was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Levesque
MCDA President