

# MDS Meeting Minutes

April 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

Members present;

Carol Poulin Taylor, Elizabeth Owens, Cheryl Peaslee (CMDA members)

Beth Brainerd, Pat Martin (WMDEA members)

Susan Pendleton (SMDA member)

Sandy Welsh (member at large)

The meeting was called to order at 6:42pm by president Carol Poulin-Taylor.

The Sectary minutes were read and a motion to except all were in favor.

Treasure report was read (see attached hand out) vote was to except the report as read.

Mail from the Farm Bureau asking the club to donate monies towards buying a chair.

There were not enough members present to form a voting quorum, so we moved on.

Willette Brown is working on the IRS issues and the 501C3 for non-profit status for our organization. It will help with people making a donation to the club as a tax write off.

The newsletter is underway. When it is done I will be sending it to Sandy who is going to print this one and mail it. She has a coupon to use with Staples. Bryn will be putting it on the Webb Site.

**Omnibus.** Is in the mail. Thank you to Sandy for the great job. It cost \$3.58 to mail the book. As a member signs up an omnibus is mailed to them. We also still have some out standing ads.

Sandy will do the Omnibus again next year. She did point out that a simple Thank you (and a box of Chocolates) would be a nice way to keep her and all volunteers going. We also talked about how a committee would be a great help in the future that it is not good to have one people doing the whole job by themselves.

**New membership** is up from this time over last year.

**Committee's** a lot of talk went on about how to get more people involved and forming committees. I will be adding something to the newsletter and at the next meeting the members of the board want to discuss this issue and find a way to get more people from each club to pitch in. The area's to look at are  
Bylaws, Fund raising, Jr/YR, Public relations.

**Convention:** Questions came up, but again we could not vote, on how to choose a person to represent us at the National Convention.

Criteria; who want to go, funding to go (personal & club) how do we as a group choose that person. Then the member will have to share at the awards banquet.

Hot mail was shut down due to bulk mailings. Sandy is going to send out a new mailing to all MSD members and has a new web master.

**The Jane Petrin award:** T&K Awards did the plaque and mailed it out. Carol has received a thank you from Jane. She is doing fine.

**Banquet** All went well. Beth would like all members to fill out their forms correctly, leaving no blanks, make out checks to MDS or she will spend your \$\$ on her as a thank you... She will Chair again this year.

Website looks good no resent updates.

### **OLD Business**

Club Reps; Carol wanted to know if we had a list. Sandy said it is in the front of the Omnibus & the Webb site. Discussion that we only meet 4 times a year and we need to be able to vote and make decisions so all Board members should try hard to be at the meeting or call if they cannot attend.

### **New business**

Inactive committees as follows; Bylaws Review, Fundraising, Jr/YR, Public Relations. How do we get people to volunteer and be apart of organizing these pieces?

We need to have committee reports and have the person, who is going the job now, to write up a job description, that way new members have an idea what is expected of them and how to do the job.

We looked over the sheets Carol had for doing the Committee report & Job Description

How can we make this fun to be at the Board meetings? We also talked about Future Goals & Future Vision Committees. We talked about serving wine & chocolate to get people to come. Lots of laughter...

Member at large Need a list of these people before the annual meeting in January.

Nominating Committee The Chair will be the out going president Willet Brown. We should be voting on the slate of officers at the next meeting in September. We need members to help her set up the slate of officers.

Next 4 meeting date were set

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008 at 6:30pm Maine Farm Bureau

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 10:00am the Senator Inn

April 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 at 6:30pm Maine Farm Bureau

Susan reminds us that SMDA has a clinic at Pine Land May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15pm

Respectfully,  
Cheryl Peaslee