



**Minnesota Pest Management Association
July 18, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Moe's Restaurant, Mounds View, MN**

The following is a listing of those in attendance:

Rob Greer, Rove Pest Control
Matt Ferguson, Rainbow Pest Experts
Bill Dyra, Univar
Sara Knilans, Bell Labs
Mike Weissman, Syngenta
Rich Hodgson, Orkin
Steve Dorer, Syngenta
Jason Leonard, Forshaw
Rakim Turnipseed, Ecolab
Kelly Olson, Ecolab
John Wagner, Ecolab
Stephen Kells, University of Minnesota
Nate Muetting, University of Minnesota
Dr. Mohammed El Damir, Adam's Pest Control
Todd Leyse, Adam's Pest Control
Bob Hansen, Bob the Bug Man
Corey Colburn, Guardian Pest Solutions
Sabrina Hymel, University of Minnesota
Larry Ruffledt Sr., Westside Pest Control
Larry Ruffledt Jr., Westside Pest Control
Joe Spitzmueller, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Mike Fresvik, Minnesota Pest Management Association

MPMA President Rob Greer opened the meeting at 11:30 AM, and calling for any old business, being none, he opened the meeting to new business.

MPMA President Rob Greer called for a roll call of those present.

MPMA President Rob Greer presented a gift check of \$3800.00 to Dr. Kells to update a computer and software to run analytical chemistry equipment for pesticide residue research. MPMA members present thanked Dr. Kells for all he does supporting our industry.



Joseph Spitzmueller, Minnesota Department of Agriculture:

Joe first discussed the Minnesota Department of Agriculture legislative proposal that will impact the Structural Pest Management industry in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture proposed legislative language is as follows:

An applicator must post a notice of pesticide use to an apartment or multi unit dwelling following a application of pesticide to that apartment or multi unit dwelling. The notice must provide the applicator's company name and contact information, the date, any restrictions or precautions, and any other information required by the commissioner.

The language proceeded through the Minnesota House and Senate and was signed by Governor Mark Dayton. The legislative language it will become effective August 1, 2017. It's MDA's intent to move slowly with the actual enforcement of the new requirement. MPMA will work with MDA on implementation.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture will be emailing or mailing information to all Minnesota licensed Structural Pest Control firms. The information will explain the new legal requirement and MDA's plan for implementation of the requirement. MDA does not intend to distribute a example leave behind post application notice.

MPMA mentioned that we are preparing a leave behind post application notice that will be distributed to MPMA member firms. In addition, MPMA is preparing to mail all licensed Structural Pest Control firms explaining that MPMA will make available example leave behind application notices to MPMA member firms. A MPMA/NPMA membership application will be included with the mailing.

Joe than mentioned that MDA is progressing from paper to electronic applicator examinations. This switch will happen within a year in St. Paul. MDA is planning to test Structural Pest Control applicator in St. Cloud.

The switch to electronic examinations will allow for on line application, on line notification of when to test, site of testing, and immediate notification of pass or fail. The administration of the exam will be monitored.

Honey bees, Joe mentioned for calendar year 2017MDA has investigated 3 possible bee kills. All investigations are not yet completed.

Joe mentioned that MDA has no legislative proposals at this time for next year's legislative session.



Sabrina Hymel, University of Minnesota:

Sabrina gave a update on the development of the new structural pest control manuals. Sabrina has been working with the MDA and other involved parties. The manual development is on schedule and will be released after July 1. Sabrina is in need of some field pest control activities photos. The manuals will be formatted in hard copy and on line.

MPMA members present thanked Sabrina for her work on the manuals.

Dr. Steve Kells and Nate Mueting, University of Minnesota:

A discussion followed relating to the various funding mechanisms available to the University of Minnesota. The following are fund types:

Demand Funds-gifts designated for current use program, research, faculty, or scholarship support.

Endowment Funds-gifts intended to exist in perpetuity, investment income is used to support the designated programs while the principle is invested for steady growth.

Quasi-endowment Funds-similar to endowment funds, but spending is typically time bound and the entire fund is spent down over that time.

Development officers work with donors to match their giving interests with the university's needs and priorities. Often a fund is created to carry out that intention.

After a long discussion the proposal was made and seconded to have MPMA provide \$5,000 per year under a to be assigned fund program.

The University of Minnesota will provide MPMA will the proper procedure to initiate this process.

Mike Fresvik, Minnesota Pest Management Association:

Mike presented the MPMA financial status report. MPMA currently has \$17,415.35 in checking and \$16,849.48 in MPMA savings. MPMA Net Worth is \$34,264.83. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers Report.



Minnesota Pest
Management
Association

2017 Board of Directors

Rob Greer, Rove Pest Control, President--Larry Rufflett, Westside Pest Solutions, Director
Jenny Williams, Plunketts Pest Control, Director-Corey Colburn, Guardian Pest Solutions, Director – Todd Leyse, Adams Pest Control, Past President

2414 Elm Drive • White Bear Lake MN 55110

President Rob Greer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Next MPMA Board of Directors Meeting is October 17, 2017.

MPMA thanks you for your membership and support.

Mike Fresvik, MPMA
Secretary/Treasurer
651-402-8837
minnpest@gmail.com