

**Maine Association of Professional Soil Scientists
Executive Committee Meeting
April 12th, 2019
Sebago Technics Conference Room, 1:00 pm to 3:15 pm
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

ROLE: Chris Dorion, Gary Fullerton, Dave Rocque, Tony Jenkins, Mike Jakubowski. Call-in members were Dave Marceau and Sean Donohue.

AGENDA: Chris Dorion had previously circulated an Agenda via email. Extra copies were distributed.

ITEM #1, MAPSS FaceBook page: A short discussion on how a Facebook page would promote various activities related to MAPSS' mission, its membership, and announcements (that would take the place of mass emails). Those members with Facebook and choose to "follow" the MAPSS page or not. Content would be strictly limited to association business. The MAWS Facebook page has been very successful; one example is MAWS members posting on vernal pool activity across the State and "last minute" changes to meetings or workshops. Mike Jakubowski volunteered to set up the Facebook page this spring; all in attendance were in favor.

ACTION: MIKE JAKUBOWSKI TO SET UP THE FACEBOOK PAGE

ITEM #2, Reid State Park Natural Resource Workshop: Dave Rocque handed out a previously circulated email detailing the pre-workshop preparations.

1. May 14, Dave R. will bring regulators to the 11 sites during spring conditions
2. July 2, all station monitors will meet at the park to describe soil pits and familiarize themselves with their stations.
3. August 6, Dave R. will bring regulators to the 11 sites during summer conditions
4. September 4, Workshop day.

MAWS **has indicated they may** be monitoring vernal pools starting the week of April 15 and **may** complete Functional Assessments.

The sharing of proceeds is planned to be a 75%/25% share, dependent on MAWS monitoring the vernal pools and doing at least one functional assessment. If this does not occur, then their share will be eliminated.

ITEM #3, Interim Treasurer's report: Gary Fullerton handed out the treasurer's report as of 3/20/19. The balance in the checking account was \$7,854.08. Major expenses for the year have been paid. These are \$1,000 for the Envirothon and \$1,000 for the Janet Cormier Scholarship. Discussion ensued regarding the September 4th Reid State Park workshop and that, with strong attendance, MAPSS should significantly increase its fund balance.

ITEM #4, Education Committee Chair: Mike Jakubowski reported on the presentation of the scholarship check by Dr. Joshua Puhlick, who is Jack Ferrara's advisor.

A discussion regarding MAPSS' presence at the Common Ground Fair: The MAPSS sponsored demonstration soil pits have been very well attended over the years and should be continued. Dave Rocque, Don Phillips, and George Bakajza have led this effort for several years. During the day, there have been as many as 35 attendees. Dave Rocque will check with them to verify if they will again monitor the soil pit demonstrations this fall.

In years past MAPSS had hosted an information table, but it lacked relevance to the fair attendees. It will not be continued.

ITEM #5, Envirothon: Dave Rocque noted that MAPSS can supply volunteers this spring. There are 4 regional competitions in Maine:

1. May 7, Range Pond, Poland
2. May 21, Lake George, Skowhegan
3. May 23, Presque Isle
4. May 23, Milo

Top finishers then compete in the State competition May 31 in Augusta, and then the Nationals.

MAPSS members are encouraged to help with these events on volunteer basis.

ITEM #6, National Cooperative Soil Survey Biennial Conference, Narragansett, Rhode Island (NCSS): Tony Jenkins will be presenting two talks with posters on HSG field determinations as well as mercury in soils from Passamaquoddy lands DownEast. Chris Dorion will present a talk and poster on the Connotative Soil Survey Mapping Legend (CSSML). The conference is June 10-12.

ITEM #7, Letter from MDEP of April 16, 2015 regarding use of the CSSML: The letter from Marianne Hubert (now retired) and Bill Noble allows the CSSML but still requires the named soil series. Discussion ensued about how to coordinate the following with MDEP:

1. HSG field determination methodology (the 7 page guide MAPSS Tech. Comm. developed)
2. Allowing the CSSML as a "stand alone" mapping standard (but retaining all other MAPSS Guidelines such as soil limitations, narrative, and existing standards.

The E.C. decided the most efficient route to achieve these ends would be to hold a "Step 1" meeting with the following MDEP staff:

- Kerem Gungor
- Bill Noble
- Jeff Dennis
- Dave Wadell

"Step 2" would be to hold a meeting with Mark Stebbins

ACTION: DAVE ROCQUE TO SET UP THE MEETING

ITEM #8, Summer newsletter *Lay of the Land*: It was agreed that the summer newsletter should be published by mid-July to reach those interested in the Reid State Park Natural Resource Workshop.

ACTION: CHRIS DORION TO CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR DON PHILLIPS

There being no further business before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

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