# Minnesota Pest Management Association

**January 16, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Crooked Pint, Maplewood, MN 55117**

**651-252-6500**

The following is a listing of those in attendance:

Stephen Kells: University of Minnesota

Sabrina Hymel: 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

Larry Rufledt Sr.: Westside Pest Control

Larry Rufledt Jr.: Westside Pest Control

Rob Greer: Rove Pest Control

Travis Garner: Rove Pest Control

Jason Scott: Univar

Travis Chambers: BASF

Brent Kostka: Bug Busters

Kathy Watrin: Granite Pest Control

Staci Johnston: Ecolab

Caroline Kirby: Plunketts Pest Control

Mike Fresvik: Minnesota Pest Management Association

Calendar year 2018 MPMA President, Larry Rufledt Sr., opened the meeting at 11:30 AM, and calling for any old business, being none, he opened the meeting to new business.

MPMA President, Larry Rufledt, asked for a roll call of those present.

**Dr. Stephen Kells: University of Minnesota:**

Dr. Kells opened the discussion with a review of the 2018 Minnesota Structural Pest Management Conference. The Conference is scheduled for March 5 and 6, 2018. The Conference location is the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The Conference opens at 8:00 AM with a welcome. The Conference agenda is as follows:

**March 5**

 8:05-8:30 Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA Personnel

 8:30-9:00 The New Structural Pest Management Manual, Dr. Stephen Kells

 9:00-9:45 New Information About Structure Infesting Ants, Dr. Dan Suiter

 9:45-10:15 Break and Pest ID Workshops, Jeff Hahn and Jay Bruesch

10:15-11:00 Pesticide Application Issues: What we can learn from other States, George Saxton

11:00-12:00 Updates in Pest Management Technologies, Marc Bramhall

 1:00-1:15 Minnesota Pest Management Association

 1:15-1:45 Pest Dispersal: The science behind pests avoiding your service, Dr. Stephen Kells

 1:45-2:45 Pest Management Bingo Accounts, Dr. Faith Oi

 3:45-4:45 The best of the best: Tips for working safely and effectively, Dr. Fred Whitford

**March 6**

 8:00-9:00 What have we learned from truck accidents, Dr. Fred Whitford

 9:00-9:30 Vector disease potential of white-footed mice in the Upper Midwest, Dr. Dave Neitzel

 9:30-10:00 Pesticide Formulation to maximize efficacy, Dr. Jason Meyers

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-10:30 Technician Competition Awards

10:30-11:00 Minnesota Pest Scenarios, Todd Leyse & Andrew Taylor

11:00-12:00 Community Wide Bed Bug Management, Dr. Richard Cooper

**Mosquito Control**

 1:00-2:30 Mosquito and Blackfly Information for Better Customer Service, Dr. Stan Cope

**Fumigation Session**

 2:45-4:15 Fumigation updates with Profume and Vikane, Bob Braun

**Bed Bug Dog Recertification**

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, NESDCA canine recertification for bed bug dog and handler teams.

**Todd Leyse: Adams Pest Control:**

Todd discussed the Minnesota Pest Management Association’s Fund Agreement with the University of Minnesota. The fund is named the Minnesota Pest Management Association Fellowship. The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial support to students enrolled at the University of Minnesota according to the award guidelines. The University of Minnesota is responsible for selecting the award recipients from the Fund according to established guidelines.

MPMA shall make a donation in the amount of $5000 for each of five years to a maximum of $25,000.

**Mike Fresvik: Minnesota Pest Management Association:**

Mike discussed the selection of two new MPMA Board of Directors. Current Board Member Jenny Williams resigned and Board Members selected Caroline Kirby, Plunketts Pest Control to fill her position on the Board. The MPMA Board selection committee, Rob Greer and Todd Leyse placed Brent Kostka, Bug Busters, before the MPMA Board for approval. The full Board approved the nomination.

Mike then raised the question of MPMA sponsoring a reception at the 2018 Structural Pest Management Conference. The Board elected not to sponsor a Reception for the current year. MPMA will consider holding a reception during the 2019 Conference.

At the 2018 Minnesota Structural Pest Management Conference, attendees will participate in Pest Bingo and technician challenge. Conference planners are hoping to give awards to the top winners.

Planners do not have a set number of awards to present. Awards will be presented based on the number contributed by vendors. The higher value items will be awarded to the higher placing technicians.

Vendors that contribute items will be recognized at the Conference.

If a vendor is interested in contributing, email Mike Fresvik at minnpest@gmail.com with information about the item(s) prior to February 26. Contributors should bring item(s) when you travel to the Conference.

Attached is the current listing of vendors registered for 2018 Structural Pest Management Conference booth space at this time. There are a few spaces still available.

Mike then presented the MPMA Financial Report. As of January 16, 2018, MPMA has total assets of $35,153.38. A motion was made and seconded and the financial report was approved.

MPMA President Larry Ruflett called for a motion to close the meeting. A motion was made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

MPMA thanks you for your membership and support.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mike Fresvik, MPMA

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