Attendee: Jim Minster, Chair (Author), John Lamacchia (MML), Barry Simescu, Todd Sneathen, Larry Stephens

1. Intro
   a. Introduction to the meeting and new Chair

2. Review list of current committee members
   a. A copy of the current listing of committee members was distributed. Attendees were requested to review and offer any updates.
   b. Chair indicated he would reach out to each individual on the list to see if they knew they were shown as a member and if they wanted to remain as a member on the committee

3. 2013 Committee Budget
   a. The proposed 2014 budget was reviewed. Basically its $250 value for meal expenses and $25 for teleconferencing. It was decided to submit the budget as proposed.

4. Day/Frequency of meetings
   a. Options were reviewed regarding frequency and day. Quarterly frequencies were deemed appropriate unless a particular issue warranted something more often. Monday and Tuesday were best for those in attendance.

5. Discussion of MML Infrastructure Committee
   a. Overall, fairly limited involvement with this committee
   b. It could be an opportunity for identifying a potential project for this committee
   c. The MML committee may seek input from us on an issue

6. Discussion of communication with MML
   a. Reviewed access to MML web site and areas that may benefit this committee
      i. Advocacy page
      ii. MML blog has up to date information
      iii. Discussion of a possible blurb in MWEA Matters publication highlighting the MML page and access availability. John will coordinate with MWEA staff
      iv. Email blast of similar information as well. John will do an email that can forwarded as an email blast.
7. Discussion of MWEA web site
   a. Add a link to the MML web site
   b. Information regarding the SAW Grant
   c. Pull the operator certification information off since it is out of date and no longer an issue
   d. Links to other national associations

8. Discussion of transportation funding
   a. Other issues are impacting its ability to move forward
   b. Increasing belief that long term funding is what’s needed but the methodology remains an unknown/

9. Discussion of SAW Grant
   a. Still some unknowns
   b. Potential for lottery disturbs some municipal officials

10. 2014 Legislative Luncheon Change
    a. Discussions with AWWA representative Bill Fritz. There is a desire to change to a format similar to the Washington Fly-In with appointments with specific legislators.
    b. Discussion of methodology for these types of meetings from John who served as a staff member for 8 years:
        i. Any written information needs to be brief and very up-front with limited text and bold highlights/titles
        ii. Max meeting time is likely 30 minutes and probably less.
        iii. Legislators will want to talk about what they want to talk about not necessarily what you want to talk about.
        iv. Try to match constituents with legislator meetings
        v. Focus on legislators sitting on committees overseeing issues we’re interested in talking about/influencing.
        vi. Set appointments as early as possible. It will likely be re-scheduled multiple times.
        vii. MWEA’s goal is to be seen as a resource to legislators and their staff when researching information regarding the water environment

11. Discussion regarding a new project for the committee:
    a. Storm water utility issue
       i. We have a storm water committee. Jim to discuss with it Chair (Fred)
    b. Water resource recovery
       i. Larry presented reference to a variety of documents from EPA and other states
       ii. Potential for targeting water as an asset/resource to manage and recover
       iii. Look at energy savings as the value to be gained
iv. Water Use Advisory Committee was recently re-initiated. Larry provided information on the meeting he attended.

12. MWEA/MDEQ Meetings
   a. Discussion of MWEA meetings with MDEQ as it relates to this committee. Those meetings are general in nature. As specific issues develop the Gov't Affairs Committee will be engaged.

Mtg Adjourn 11:30.

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