

**MAPT Region 6 Meeting
Maxfield's Restaurant (Wyman, MI)
May 6, 2010
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**



Meeting minutes:

Members Present:

Steve Hofman, Big Rapids Public Schools
Rosalee Hull, MAISD
Joe Knight, Greenville Public Schools
Gerald Wallen, Ashley Community Schools
Val Palethorpe, Central Montcalm Public Schools
Linda Dixon, Tri County Area Schools

Dee Evans, Eightcap Head Start
Dee Kenny, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools
Dan Kain, Lakeview Comm. Schools
Larry Doer, Montabella Comm. Schools
John Graham, Beal City Public Schools

Chrouch Communications – Tracy Grosh, Senior Account Manager, Motorola and Kevin Courtney, Service Manager, Chrouch Communications, Inc., opened the meeting with their presentation on two-way communication. Their presentation began with a Narrow-banding overview, which everyone at the meeting was aware of and a reminder of January 1, 2013, as the date everyone should be at 12.5 kHz bandwidth. Eventually, everyone will migrate to 6.25 kHz, which with this you will have to be digital. Wide band will not be available to order beginning next year, therefore, when ordering replacements, you will receive narrow band. There was a discussion on Analog vs. mototrbo, GPS features with real time location reporting. Neo Terra's Neo Nytro Enterprise AVL Software can interface to Versa Trans onscreen Software. Radio's can work with existing system as you phase out existing radios.

Parts Consortium – As a follow up to our previous meeting regarding the parts consortium there was some discussion on an annual meeting date and that contacts would be made when the meeting time is set. At this meeting, there has not been an annual meeting date scheduled. As soon as that is available, it will be announced.

Disqualification/Road Test – Steve shared with the group some information discussed at the MSBO conference, held the last week of April. Steve put together a handout with information received at the conference, as well as other pertinent information regarding disqualification of a driver and road tests. Attention was drawn to item e regarding the disqualification and necessary road test for a driver convicted of any motor vehicle traffic violation that resulted in an accident while operating a commercial motor vehicle. Discussion ensued.

Driving Championship – Wanted to know if there was any interest in a combined regional driving championship for next year. Suggestions on ways to implement between the two regions included having each region go through events separately and that each region would have their own winners. It was decided to research for next year.

MAPT updates – were forwarded from MAPT by email. A State Rodeo Championship has been scheduled in June and several regions have reported a regional championship date.

2010 – 2011 Regional meetings will be scheduled on Thursday October 14, 2010, Thursday December 9, 2010, Thursday February 10, 2011, Thursday April 14, 2011, and Thursday May 12, 2011. The group voted to continue with Maxfield's Restaurant, Wyman, MI as the meeting location and to continue with the scheduled 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. time slot.

MI Mandated Transportation Supervisor Training – Rosalee discussed the mandated class and distributed registration forms. She advised everyone to select early on the class location and not to wait to take the class at the last minute. She advised everyone interested in the Stanton location, that a catered box lunch would be available for a small fee and advised to forward the form by fax to Vince Weiler.

The next MAPT Region 6 meeting will be Thursday October 14, 2010, same time and place.

Submitted by,

Linda Dixon