

**MACPRO Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2007
6:30 p.m., Sundance Grill
Downtown Grand Rapids**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by President Scholtz in the Sundance Grill
- People present: John Scholtz-Ottawa County; Mark Brochu-St. Clair County; Ken Elwert-Lapeer County; Dan Stencil – Oakland County; Dan Patton – Eaton County; Mike McDonald – Ingham County; Roger Sabine – Kent County; Dave Basch – Mecosta County
- III. Minutes were approved as presented.
- IV. New officers elected by unanimous ballot:
- a. President – Dan Stencil (New)
 - b. Vice-President – Dan Patton (New)
 - c. Treasurer- Roger Sabine (Returning)
 - d. Secretary-Ken Elwert (Returning)
- V. New meeting schedule:
- a. May 11 – Kent County
 - b. August 10 – Oakland County
 - c. November 9 – Eaton County
- VI. Treasurer’s report was passed out by Sabine. **Treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$ 9,995.07.** Motion to accept treasurers report by Brochu, seconded by Elwert.
- VII. Discussion ensued about correcting resolution supporting MRPA Lobbying efforts – group decided this was a moot point as MRPA is not moving ahead with any additional Lobbying efforts.
- VIII. Comben v. State of Michigan – nothing new to report
- IX. Legislative issues:
- a. Unemployment issues continue to be a concern – should we pursue a legislative correction?
 - b. Camp licensing issues have been discussed with the State and are currently in process of State review.
- X. HB 6325 – passed in late Dec. 2006 – now Public Act 588 of 2006
- XI. Legislative Forum – coming up very soon
- XII. MACPRO survey – no action yet – Elwert promised to have a draft survey by the next meeting
- XIII. Carbon Credits for Park Credits – Brochu mentioned this as a possibility of carbon credits and wetland mitigation – possible future ideas involve talking to MDOT about wetland mitigation.
- XIV. MDNR Conservation Officer authority on County Property – discussed briefly
- Meeting was moved to the lobby of the Grand Hotel due to restaurant closing because of poor weather*
- XV. Large discussion about future of MACPRO, what value is there to membership, and whether we can increase the visibility and professionalism of this organization over time to represent the interests of Parks and Recreation at the regional level, including natural resource issues, regional planning, and tracking legislative issues. A possible legal organization of a 501c(4) was discussed – Sabine will look into issue further.
- XVI. Meeting Adjourned