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Minnesota Electric Automobile Association Minutes March 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by VP Denis Diekhoff after an informal hour of munching, conversation and car inspection at Flannery Construction. As there was no speaker, participants discussed progress on conversions, problems, questions and EV news. Highlights include: Chris Born told about the 6 volt batteries in his S10 which will give it greater range.

Dave Peichel has been collecting data on the performance of his electric car and hopes to develop forms for all electric vehicles with sufficient data on weather conditions, speed etc to make comparisons relevant.

Possibility of acquiring a trailer to tow evs to distant events. Discussion of using generators on a trailer to extend range. Carl suggests diesel generators.

Carl also reported on bubble cell batteries with a 400 mile range. They are used in Electriccitymotors.com's new 5 door car. It will cost about \$30000 less rebate

Doug talked about a program he attended where Xcel energy talked about the "smart grid". He also introduced a friend from New Mexico's Los Alamos lab who is working on the energy future. He said we need the government to fund a "Manhattan Project" for the next generation.

President Craig Mueller conducted the election for next year's officers. The following officers nominated were elected by acclamation:

President: Dave Peichel

Vice President: Denis Diekhoff works on obtaining speakers and the email list.

Treasurer: Kevin Low

Event Coordinator: Brad Lindberg handles State Fair, Living Green Expo

Conversion Specialist: Chris Simon Helps get answers to questions for people converting vehicles

Secretary: Joyce Prudden

Denis suggested we acquire technology for video conferencing so that we could invite out of town speakers to meet with the group live. Carl's store has broadband we can use, but we are not able to access the web at Flannery.

Other meeting places were suggested. Jimbo said that most Apple computers have the technology necessary. He agreed to help Denis access it.

The meeting concluded with discussion of upcoming events. A signup sheet for the Living Green Expo (May 2-3) was passed around. Other events include the Solar Regatta at Lake Phalen (5/16). There will be a solar trailer on site which could be used to charge cars.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Prudden

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