

Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 7, 2007
Millbury MA

Minutes recorded by Valerie Flaherty

MWPCA President Charles Tyler called the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 PM. The following were in attendance:

Michael Foisy, Mickey Nowak, Ray Willis, Daniel Freitas, Mike Burke, Joe Witts, Henry Albro, Jane Brooks, Bob Pariseau and Mike Moreau.

1. It was noted that there was a quorum.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting on September 26 - On motion duly made and seconded minutes were voted on and accepted.
3. **Welcome to Dan Freitas** and approval of his appointment to fulfill the vacant director's slot.
4. **NEWEA Directors report** – Discussion of operator day at NEWEA. NEWEA does not see the slight cost increase as an issue and will not give us a discount. Starting this year, we will restrict this to members and they must preregister.
5. **Gillette Stadium Specialty Conference** – Tom Azevedo not in attendance. Joe Witts also working on this; will contact Tom and try to set up potential dates. Mike Burke offered to host a specialty conference at Holyoke if the Gillette stadium idea does not work out for the spring.
6. **MWPCA web site Discussion** – Mickey needs software update and can put on the web anything that we send him, preferably converted to pdf files. He does not have the time to create or develop content himself for the site. The site is well used by members, the jobs hotline being most visited. There was a discussion about having the front page contain more up-front information about the organization. We formed a committee to address these issues. It consists of: Mike Moreau, Jane Brooks and Mike Foisy in addition to Mickey Nowak. Also discussed whether we want a list of plants, chief operators and phone numbers available on the web site. We will ask the members for input through the newsletter.
7. **NEWEA administrative contract** – The overage hours have been dealt with as follows: we have not been billed for two months to use up 60 hours and we will carry over 60 hours to the next contract. As time goes on, we may agree, instead of assigned monthly hours, to have a monthly administrative expense and simply bill for the hours that we use.
8. **Progress on renaming the Training Center** – Mike Foisy Two new signs were quoted to us at \$4200. It was negotiated by Mike Foisy down to \$3200 and the UBWPAD staff will install the signs. For a dedication ceremony, the estimate for refreshments at \$200. The BOD approved an expenditure of up to \$3500 for this

effort. Mike Ackerman and Tom Bienkiewicz will help to come up with a list of persons to invite to the ceremony to rename the facility.

9. **NEWEA Annual Conference Operator Day** – Bob Pariseau – Previously discussed - the forms have already been mailed out for January, requiring MWPCA membership and pre-registration through MWPCA in order to qualify for an attendance at Operator Day.
10. **MWWA Fall Forum in Devens** - Tyler/ Witts – Charles Tyler and Joe Witts attended the MWWA Fall Forum, which we co-advertised with MWWA, our first joint activity of any sort in recent memory. While there was limited MWPCA attendance, it was good to “break the ice” with MWWA, and we look forward to future cooperative efforts. One challenge is that MWWA uses IACET rules for their TCH certification, so we’d need to revise our TCH approval method to accommodate Water licensees. The Devens Common facility, where the MWWA forum was held might be a place for future MWPCA meetings. Joe Witts obtained information regarding reserving the space.
11. **MWPCA winter newsletter mailing costs \$350.** Due to maternity leave at NEWEA offices we will send this to a mail house. Expense approved. Gratitude was expressed for the offer from Sharon Lawson of UBWPAD, who will also help to put together the winter newsletter.
12. **Progress of salary survey** – Bob Pariseau. Much discussion of how to go about this. Plant managers will not see this as in their best interests and therefore may not participate. We need to reach the operators with this survey. Everyone is to e-mail additional thoughts on this to Bob.
13. **Progress of CD investment of treasury funds.** John Connor not in attendance – no information available.
14. **Operator License rate hike** – Bob P. After review of the reasoning, and a look at the NEIWPC budget reports by the Training Advisory Committee, it was agreed that a fee hike, while painful, was necessary and acceptable.
15. **Passage of infrastructure financing bill.** The bill passed. Tom Walsh will be the MWPCA point person on the commission, whenever it gets off the ground.
16. **Poster Contest** – Mickey N. Can we cancel this for a year due to lack of participation – only one school showed interest this year, and it seems not worth the effort or expense. The board voted to cancel the program pending further discussion of alternatives.
17. **Old Logo** Mike F. Mike would like to have someone create graphic design of the old “eagle and banner” logo so we can use this again as a throwback design? The board approved the concept, and Mike will find out costs and report back to the Board – may want to create a bumper sticker design.
18. **Meeting was adjourned** at approximately 3:45 PM on a motion from the floor