

Minutes for April 23, 2008 MWPCA BOD meeting in Millbury, MA following lunch at the Dedication of the Richard Alden Training Center

Present: Henry Albro, Jane Brooks, JohnConnor, Valerie Flaherty, Michael Foisy, Michael Moreau, Eugene Valliere, Raymond Willis, and Charlie Tyler. **Minutes recorded by Valerie Flaherty**

1. Approx. 1:00 Call to order, establishment of quorum
2. No 3/19 minutes available - Tyler to review and complete.
3. NEWEA Director Report – Witts - Attended WEFMAX, and NEWQMC (NE, NJ, NY, PA coalition) meetings
4. Awards Program progress - Valerie Flaherty - Still needs some polishing and will be ready for mass mailing in May.
5. Newsletter report – Brooks – articles needed. Charlie/Rick Alden dedication article, Jane/Ops challenge training day article. Program for Easthampton meeting has coalesced, and we're in good shape for the Log Cabin.
6. Gillette Stadium Specialty Conference - details, timeline? - Witts - not much progress, will pursue.
7. Holyoke Specialty Conference in May - details? Burke, et al. Not in May. May happen in the Fall
8. NEWEA Ops Challenge Training Day - Friday, April 18 - report – Brooks – 3 state teams (ME, NH, RI); several interested people from MA, not yet on teams, also attended. Jane's jerk chicken was a hit. MWPCA was acknowledged for its continued support.
9. Letter to Commissioner - Tyler - Not done yet - waiting for dust to settle with new Commissioner, Laurie Burt.
10. Org Manual progress (org chart, email voting guidelines, memorial guidelines, etc.) – Tyler and Mike - no report
11. Mike Foisy has some family health issues that may affect his availability to be president for 2008-9 year. Charlie (who also has new time constraints) will continue as president for another year, hoping that Mike F. will be a very active first vice president.
12. **MWPCA Web Site** - various proposals - Dot (Bob Pariseau)/ "Avectra" email feeler. Need to keep Mickey Nowak in the loop. Henry Albro's daughter will graduate college with some web development experience, and may like to work on MWPCA site over the summer. Henry will report back.
13. **Operator Exchange** – Gene Valliere volunteered to coordinate. Craig Williams from Baker Commodities Candidate for exchange. Exchange state is Maine. Tentative schedule for ME visit to MA is Day 1 Barnstable and other Cape plants; Day 2 Deer Island tour, Day 3 Trade show.
14. Account signatories and Secretary/Treasurer accession planning progress – Connor – Foisy and Moreau will be added.
15. CPR/AED/First Aid Training idea – John Connor can price an instructor for 8 students. seems costly, and many facilities offer their own. Discussion ended without action item.
16. MWPCA non-profit status – Joe Witts spoke with Mr. Galvin. We have non-profit status, based on incorporation action of 5/15/91 when J. Courchaine was President. John will check for non-profit ID #.
17. Proposal to include the cost of a membership in the fee for non-members to attend a quarterly meeting. – New fee policy will start with new fiscal year in September. All agreed that it's time to make this issue stick. R. Willis
18. John needs to send out new fee structure for vendors for trade show. Table \$275, Table and meal \$300.
19. John Connor is scheduled for surgery in June and May not be available for the June meeting. If so, he will send registration info to Tyler; will use sign-out system to confirm TCH attendance.
20. Approx. 2:15 Adjourn