

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
Westford, MA**

MWPCA President Charlie Tyler called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance.

Henry Albro, Thomas Azevedo, John Connor, Michael Foisy, Daniel Freitas, Janice Moran (NEWEA), Michael Moreau, Eric Smith, Charles Tyler, Gene Valliere, Ray Willis and Joe Witts.

It was noted that there was a quorum.

Minutes:

1. **Minutes from the August 20, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting – on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting.**

Old Business:

1. **“New” Booth** - Mike Moreau mentioned that the new MWPCA booth, donated by EOS, was displayed during today’s Fall Trade Show in Westford, MA. The booth needs a new name banner and logo. Mike is also looking for additional photos or information to display in the booth. Please contact him if you have suggestions. Tom Azevedo recommended looking at the old booth to see if any signs could be reused.
2. **Operator Exchange Report** - Gene Valliere reported that the operator exchange program with Maine is going well. The Maine operator, Bob Waterman from Portland Water District, visited the Barnstable WPCF plant, Deer Island WWTP and attended today’s Fall Trade Show, where he won the photo printer raffle prize. The MWPCA exchange operator to Maine is Craig Williams, Baker Commodities. Craig will visit Maine later this Fall.
3. **NEWEA Director Report** - Joe Witts announced that the nominations for the Alfred Peloquin and the Operator Award are Michael Burke and Anthony Olivadesa respectively. Award nomination forms have been submitted to the NEWEA office.
4. **Devens Joint Conference** - It was mentioned that the Joint MWWA/MWPCA conference is scheduled for October 28, 2008 on pharmaceuticals. It was noted that the conference registration form was included in the summer issue of MASSWaters.

5. **Gillette Specialty Conference** – Joe Witts reported that he attended the Massachusetts Water Works Association’s (MWWA) board meeting this past summer and presented the idea of a joint MWPCA specialty seminar at Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, MA. Joe is waiting to hear back from MWWA.
6. **Holyoke Specialty Conference** – Mike Burke not in attendance. Charlie Tyler announced that the Holyoke Specialty Conference has been postponed until Spring 2009.

Charlie further mentioned that Mike was contacted by the NEWEA Plant Operations committee to see if MWPCA was interested in co-hosting a plant tour in Spring 2009.

7. **Letter to DEP Commissioner** – Charlie Tyler reported that he has not heard back from the DEP Commissioner, Laurie Burt regarding the letter that he sent on behalf of MWPCA. The letter requested a meeting to discuss operator training and certification needs in Massachusetts. Charlie will try to contact the DEP Commissioner again by email.
8. **June Quarterly Meeting** – Dan Freitas and Tom Azevedo reported that they have spoken with the Wyckoff Country Club, Holyoke, MA regarding the possibility of holding the June 2009 quarterly meeting (tentatively set for June 17, 2009). The Wyckoff Country Club has enough space for the meeting and lunch in a separate room. A golf package could also be added for \$50pp which includes lunch on the course, 2 drinks and the cart fee. The food would be catered by the Log Cabin Restaurant in Holyoke, MA. A discussion was held regarding meeting and golf logistics. Dan Freitas volunteered to draft a schedule of events for the June meeting. A decision whether to move the June 2009 quarterly meeting to the Wyckoff Country Club will be made at the October 8th board meeting in Millbury, MA.
9. **Fall Trade Show** – Tom Azevedo reported that he, Henry Albro and Mike Moreau visited Mt. Wachusett, Princeton, MA to check out the meeting facilities as a potential site for the Fall Trade Show. The Fall Trade Show has been typically held at the Westford Regency, Westford, MA. Mt. Wachusett has enough space to host the vendor displays and is available in September 2009.

Fees were noted as the following:

Room rental = \$1000 (includes set-up)

Barbeque Luncheon = \$24pp

A discussion was held regarding the meeting logistics, raffles and whether to offer attendees gondola rides. Tom Azevedo will write up a draft program to present at the next board meeting on October 8th in Millbury, MA.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to consider holding the 2009 Fall Trade Show at Mt. Wachusett, Princeton, MA in late September and to develop a program outline before a decision would be made.

10. **Hats** – Mike Foisy reported that he has placed an order for two dozen hats. The hats will be available in blue and will have the MWPCA logo on the front and the American flag on the left hand side. The total cost for the hats would be \$363.00. Hats will be sold for \$15 each.

Tom Azevedo raised the question about redesigning the MWPCA logo. A brief discussion was held. Anyone interested in redesigning the MWPCA logo to submit ideas to Mike Foisy.

11. **MWPCA Web Site** – Charlie Tyler reported that he has received a letter from Mickey Nowak “resigning” as web master. A discussion about who will post information on the website was held. Henry Albro will speak to his daughter, Amy Albro to see if she is interested in continuing her involvement. Amy Albro wrote the html code to redesign the MWPCA website over the summer. It was decided that this issue will be further discussed at the next board meeting, October 8th in Millbury, MA.

12. **Additional Web Site Issues** - It was noted that the redesigned MWPCA web site was on display at the MWPCA booth at today’s Fall Trade Show in Westford, MA.

Charlie Tyler also mentioned that he had received an email from a teacher regarding the broken poster contest link on the MWPCA website. After a brief discussion about reinstating the poster contest, it was decided that the poster contest would remain suspended and the broken poster contest link would be removed from the website. It was also noted that the MWPCA committees should be listed on the website along with a link to NEIWPCC training courses.

13. **Operator Certification Update** – Doug Borgatti not present. Charlie Tyler reported that NEIWPCC was looking into offering online operator certification testing for wastewater operators. Currently the Board of Certification of Operators of Drinking Water Supply Facilities and Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP) offer online operator certification for water. Questions regarding the online testing can be directed to Doug Borgatti.

It was further reported that waste operator test failure rates are reported to be up.

14. **Awards Program** - The board thanked Valerie Flaherty for her work with the plant awards program. It was noted that Valerie will be recruiting the 2008 award recipients to join the MWPCA awards committee.

15. **NEWEA Contract** - Charlie Tyler announced he will be signing the contract with NEWEA this week. The NEWEA contract (October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009) is for administrative support and will be based on the number of hours used per month.
16. **December Meeting Program Agenda** - Tom Azevedo mentioned that he currently has two speakers confirmed for the December quarterly meeting in Taunton, MA and needs to confirm a 3rd speaker. Speaker topics include: new DEP groundwater regulations, Collection Systems Infiltration & Inflow, and Mass WARN (Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network). Tom is currently looking for speakers for the March quarterly meeting in Westford, MA.
17. **Next Meeting** – It was reported that the next Board of Director's meeting would be held on **October 8, 2008** at 1:00pm at the Millbury Training Center.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.