

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Millbury, MA**

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

Henry Albro, Jane Brooks, Michael Foisy, Janice Moran (NEWEA), Michael Moreau, Eric Smith, Charles Tyler, Gene Valliere, and Ray Willis.

It was noted that there was a quorum.

Minutes:

1. **Minutes from the January 14th Board of Directors Meeting – on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting.**

Old Business:

1. **NEWEA Conference - post conference report** - Charlie Tyler announced that the Operator's Day luncheon held during the NEWEA Annual Conference on Tuesday, January 27, 2008 was very well attended. Over thirty Massachusetts operators participated in Operator's Day overall. MWPCA has traditionally paid for one operator from each Massachusetts wastewater treatment facility to attend the NEWEA Annual Conference for one day. The association also co-sponsored the operator's luncheon.

It was also mentioned that the MWPCA booth was set up on the fourth floor during the NEWEA Annual Conference.

2. **Meeting Planning Status -**

- **March Quarterly Meeting** - Charlie Tyler stated that the March Quarterly Meeting will be held on March 18, 2009 at the Westford Regency Hotel, Westford, MA and the program has been finalized. The meeting flyer is currently being mailed with the winter issue of MASSWaters newsletter.
- **June Quarterly Meeting** - It was announced that the June Quarterly Meeting and Golf Tournament will be held on June 17, 2009 at the Wyckoff Country Club, Holyoke, MA. Dan Freitas is working closely with the Wyckoff facility to finalize details. Mike Foisy and Joe Witts will work on finalizing speakers for the program.

It was also announced that CDM and Tighe & Bond have signed up for sponsorships and foursomes for the golf tournament. The NEWEA office was asked to send out the golf sponsor letter to the vendor list and to post the information on the MWPCA website as soon as possible.

- **Fall 2009 Trade Show** - It was mentioned that the Fall 2009 Trade Show is scheduled to be held on September 30, 2009 at the Wachusett Mountain Resort, Princeton, MA. The first vendor registration mailing will be sent out in April with a reminder notice sent in July. The board requested to use NEWEA's Annual Conference vendor list for the MWPCA vendor mailing.
- **December Quarterly Meeting** - Charlie Tyler noted that there has been past discussion to relocate the December Quarterly Meeting from the Holiday Inn in Taunton, MA. Joe Witts volunteered to call the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA for pricing information and will report back at the March meeting.

3. **NEWEA/MWPCA Specialty Conference at UBWPAD** - Charlie Tyler announced that the NEWEA Plant Operations Committee is holding a specialty conference and tour at the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District (UBWPAD) on May 13, 2009 and MWPCA was asked to be a co-sponsor. Mike Foisy volunteered to discuss logistics with the NEWEA Plant Operations Committee and will keep the board informed.
4. **MWPCA Legal/Financial Status** - It was noted that John Connor was not in attendance and the issue will be tabled until the next meeting in March. In the meantime, Charlie Tyler volunteered to contact John Connor to discuss further.
5. **MWPCA Web Site** – Mike Moreau is currently the liaison for the website; however it was noted that until Mike receives training, the NEWEA office will be handling the updates for the MWPCA website.
6. **Newsletter** – Janice Moran (NEWEA) announced that the Winter MASSWaters newsletter was in the mail and an email announcement was sent to the membership. Articles for the Spring MASSWaters newsletter are due Friday, April 10th.
7. **Training Advisory Committee** - Bob Pariseau was not in attendance. It was mentioned that Bob attended the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings on December 9, 2008 and January 27, 2009. No further updates are available.
8. **Operator Exchange 2009** - It was mentioned that the 2009 Operator Exchange will be with Rhode Island. The board is currently looking for a Massachusetts participant. Mike Moreau volunteered to go to if no volunteer is found. Gene Valliere will contact Peter Eldridge, RI Director to confirm dates.
9. **Gillette Stadium Specialty Conference** – It was decided to remove the Gillette Specialty Conference from the agenda.
10. **Caps & Tee Shirts** – Mike Foisy announced that the previously purchased MWPCA baseball caps are not selling as well as had been hoped. Mike will look into prices for printing bumper stickers instead of golf shirts as previously suggested at the January 14th board meeting.
11. **Small (Package) Plant Operators Committee** - Ray Willis handed out a committee charge for the proposed decentralized onsite wastewater plant operations committee for comments. After some discussion, the board voted to change the name for the proposed committee:
On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to change the name of the proposed Decentralized Onsite Wastewater Plant Operations Committee to Decentralized Wastewater Plant Operations Committee.

Ray Willis will make the changes noted by the board and resubmit the committee charge at the next board meeting in March. The committee was instructed to begin organization immediately, with Dave Boucher as the initial committee chair
12. **MWPCA Election 2009** - Charlie Tyler requested that all incumbents who plan to run for re-election furnish biographical information and a photo for inclusion in an information flyer to be included in the ballot envelopes. Incumbent directors whose terms are expiring are: H. Albro, J. Connor, E. Smith, E. Valliere, and J. Witts. It was also noted that Peter Doyle will mail election ballots after the March Quarterly meeting.

New Business:

1. **NEWEA Representative** - Joe Witts made a few announcements for further discussion and consideration:
 - **Awards** - Nominations for the Pelouin and Operator of the Year awards as well as other NEWEA awards are needed. Submit nomination to Joe Witts.
 - **Congressional Breakfast** - NEWEA will be holding a congressional breakfast on April 29th in Washington, DC. The NEWEA Government Affairs Committee also has assisted other state associations hold similar local events. NHWPCA will be hosting a local breakfast on March 4, 2009 with NEWEA's assistance. MWPCA may want to think about holding an event next year. The NEWEA Government Affairs Committee stands ready to assist MWPCA.
 - **Young Professionals** - There is currently a lot of interest by associations to involve students and young professionals into the wastewater industry. Need to think about how MWPCA can assist.

2. **Operation Challenge Practice Day** - Jane Brooks mentioned that the 2009 NEWEA Operation Challenge Practice Day will be taking place on April 17th at the NH DES Training Center in Franklin, NH. Jane has been asked by the Ops Challenge Committee to make her famous jerk chicken. Jane requested a contribution from MWPCA to offset the cost of food for the Operations Challenge Practice Day.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to allow Jane Brooks to expend up to \$100.00 to purchase food for the Operation Challenge Practice Day on April 17, 2009.

3. **Next Meeting** – It was reported that the next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **March 18, 2009** after the Quarterly Meeting in Westford, MA.

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