

Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association

Minutes for the July 7, 2009 BOD inauguration meeting held in Auburn at Chuck's Steak house, Library Room 6pm

Present: C Tyler, M Foisy, M Burke, J Brooks, M Moreau, B Pariseau, H Albro, J Witts, R Willis, E Smith, and (taking minutes) V Flaherty

1. Call to order Charlie Tyler
2. Approval of minutes from May 20th meeting. Motion to amend item # 7 so that Joe Pease is only mentioned once (remove first reference). Amendment approved. Minutes approved as amended.
3. June meeting election results accepted and installation/accession of officers completed as follows:

Elected board members to new three-year terms are: John Connor, Henry Albro, Vinny Melendez, and Joe Witts.

Executive Officers for 2009 - 2010

Acceding to President – Mike Foisy

Acceding to 1st Vice President - Mike Moreau

Elected by Board motion to 2nd Vice President - Ray Willis

Other Officers for 2009 - 2010:

Secretary/ Treasurer - Motion made and seconded to reappoint John Connor. Discussion of succession planning. How long does John want to hold this position? Would he be willing to mentor someone on the board? Could we pay NEWEA to assume these responsibilities when John no longer wants to do this?

Motion to reappoint John Connor as Secretary/Treasurer approved.

Education Coordinator – Motion made and seconded to reappoint Bob Pariseau. Bob states that this will be his last year. He will also need to be replaced on the TAC. (Henry Albro is on that also). Motion approved to reappoint Bob Pariseau as Education Coordinator.

Meeting Management Coordinator – Motion made and seconded to reappoint Tom Azevedo. Discussion of Tom Azevedo's availability. Motion to reappoint Tom Azevedo as Meeting Management Coordinator approved.

13th Director nominated and approved is Eric Smith

Mike Foisy will contact others who had expressed interest in the 13th director position and attempt to find other ways for them to be involved with the MWPCA. Specifically, he will contact Peter Bajor, Ann Mastroianni, and Joe Dupuis. Possibilities for involvement include the membership committee which is vacant and the safety committee which is weak. These persons will also be considered as candidates in the event of any unexpected Board vacancies.

(Remainder of meeting chaired by President Michael Foisy.)

4. Planning of MWPCA BOD meeting schedule:
August 12th Wednesday BOD meeting
At September 30th Trade Show Mount Wachusett

October 21st BOD meeting

November 18th BOD meeting

At December Quarterly meeting, Mansfield Holiday Inn Date TBA

January 13th BOD meeting

February 10th BOD meeting

At March 24th Quarterly Meeting Westford

April 14th BOD meeting

May 12th BOD meeting

At June Quarterly meeting, date TBA Log Cabin

5. Quarterly Meeting Planning:

For 2009 Trade Show, J Witts, R Willis, E Smith and H Albro will check out and finalize logistics during the 8/27 MWWA meeting @ Wachusett Mountain. Other Trade show items will be discussed at 8/12 BOD meeting. Early vendor returns are light.

December Quarterly meeting at Mansfield Holiday Inn (December 9th) – date has been booked with hotel, some speaker possibilities have been considered, but program suggestions are welcome.

March Quarterly Meeting, need to confirm March 24 date, Westford Regency location.

June Quarterly Meeting – discussion pointed toward returning to the Log Cabin, since Golf Tournament discussion led to conclusion that the golf tournament should be held as a separate event, rather than tied to the June Meeting; golf location to be discussed further.

6. MWPCA Legal/Financial Status - John Connor - Not in attendance. J Callahan (contract accountant) not in attendance. Motion to table this for now, until some answers can be obtained. Approved.
7. NEWEA Administrative Contract renewal. NEWEA has indicated their willingness to continue the current contract, perhaps with a minor rate adjustment, for Oct 2009 – Oct 2010, with hours and expenses billed as used. Motion made and seconded to authorize Mike Foisy to negotiate final contract terms with NEWEA. Approved. A separate discussion ensued about whether we need a plant salary survey, and whether NEWEA could perform this for us. No resolution at this time. Discussion to be included in next Board meeting agenda.
8. MWPCA web site – Mike Moreau reported that we are maintaining status quo. All is going well with this, and comments or suggestions should be made to Mike in this regard..
9. Newsletter – Jane Brooks - Janice Moran needs articles by 7/17 at the very latest:
Fall trade show
Ops Challenge recap
2009-2010 BOD – Ray Willis
Presidents message – Mike Foisy
June meeting recap - Charlie Tyler
Golf tournament article- Ray Willis
New members list - standard
Decentralized Ops Committee article – Ray Willis
Online testing flyer - Jane Brooks
DEP perspective article/update board of certification – Tom Bienkiewicz?
10. TAC/ Certification - Bob Pariseau gave an update, including a copy of the passing grades for the last written test - grades 4-6 approximately 15% passing. Also passed out a sheet indicating

proposed course offerings for Fall semester. Discussion followed regarding operator preparedness for certification and adequacy of training. It is hoped that on-line testing program will help to boost passing rates, as has been reported based on the experience in some other areas.

11. Operator Exchange – This year with Rhode Island. Joe Pease from Holyoke has received employer approval to participate. Joe Witts will coordinate with Gene Valliere for MA events and with Rhode Island Director regarding their preferred time frame.
12. MWPCA caps and tees shirts - All okay – to be removed from agenda.
13. Decentralized Plant Operators committee – Ray Willis 7/27 next meeting. Minutes from last meeting available.
14. Awards Committee – V Flaherty has received four applications for Plant Performance Awards (PPA's) so far. No options as of yet for individual awards (Operator, Hartley Award, Lab Analyst, etc.). Input on suggested candidates was requested from directors and others.
15. NEWEA Director Report – Joe Witts Discussion of award recipients for NEWEA awards. Discussion of the need for a government affairs committee to interact w/ representatives. NEWEA is willing to assist with a local congressional breakfast. NEW are invited to participate in NEWEA's Washington Congressional Breakfast event each year (Joe attended this year). Joe will consult with NEWEA contacts to try to create a committee charge for government affairs in order to try to get the ball rolling in MWPCA.
16. Motion made and seconded to reimburse Henry Albro for the bar bill for the meeting. Discussion regarding propriety of this expenditure. As there is no known written policy on this, and as MWPCA is not a government-funded entity, discretion of the Board is the issue. The motion to reimburse Mr. Albro was approved.
17. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm