

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
Millbury, MA**

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

Henry Albro, Tom Bienkiewicz (MADEP), Jane Brooks, John Connor, Michael Foisy, Daniel Freitas, Janice Moran (NEWEA), Michael Moreau, Eric Smith, Charles Tyler, and Joe Witts.

It was noted that there was a quorum.

**Minutes:**

1. **Minutes from the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting – on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting.**

**Old Business:**

1. **Meeting Planning Status -**

- **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. The program agenda has been finalized.

John Connor has received 16 sponsorships and 19 golf foursomes so far for the June Golf Tournament. John will continue to email registration updates to the board.

The board requested the NEWEA office to send out an email to the golf sponsors. Golf sponsors are being invited to set up tables and provide give-aways to golfers. Joe Witts and Henry Albro will furnish the NEWEA office with information for the email.

Joe Witts, Mike Foisy, Ray Willis and Dan Freitas have all volunteered to stuff golf registration bags before the tournament.

- **September 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 NEWEA office mailed the exhibitor registration form to the current vendor database on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **December Quarterly Meeting** - The Mansfield Holiday Inn has been reserved for December 9, 2009 for the December Quarterly Meeting. Potential speaker names should be forwarded to Tom Azevedo for consideration.
- **March Quarterly Meeting** - The March meeting is set for March 24, 2010 at the Westford Regency in Westford, MA.

2. **Recap NEWEA/MWPCA Specialty Conference at UBWPAD** - The Joint NEWEA/MWPCA Plant Operations Technical Session and Tour was held at the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District (UBWPAD) on May 13, 2009 in Millbury, MA. 58 total attendees participated in the event. Feedback from attendees was positive. Mike Foisy will coordinate financial details regarding the food and tent rental with the NEWEA office.

3. **MWPCA Legal/Financial Status** - John Connor reported that he has met with Mr. Callahan, Toy Town Tax, formerly known as Triple Check. Toy Town Tax is a financial tax consulting company hired to review MWPCA's financial records and to inquire about non-profit status. As a result from this meeting, John has filed for non-profit status for MWPCA, which will become effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. John will also set-up a meeting between Mr. Callahan and the Finance Committee so that all finance and non-profit status questions are answered fully.
4. **MWPCA Web Site** – Janice Moran (NEWEA) announced that the MWPCA website was currently up-to-date. Upcoming event registration flyers can be found on the Calendar page under About Us. The MWPCA homepage also has a “latest news” section to list upcoming events.
5. **Newsletter** – Janice Moran (NEWEA) announced that articles for the Summer MASSWaters newsletter are due Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Training Advisory Committee** - Tom Bienkiewicz (MADEP) was asked to attend today's board meeting to discuss the on-line wastewater certification testing. Tom announced that the Training Advisory Committee (TAC) offered a new on-site wastewater class last Fall and Spring for operators entering the field. The class covered basic introductions to: wastewater math, science and on-site systems. TAC also offered an advanced specialty technical session in North Bridgewater, MA.

The Massachusetts Board of Certification has agreed to allow on-line testing for wastewater certification exams using the company, AMP (Applied Mgmt. Professionals). There are over 170 testing locations such as: Saugus, MA; Framingham, MA; Worcester, MA; Nashua, NH; Hartford, CT; and Albany, NY. Testing will begin in June 2009 and will be given on-demand; which will allow testers to schedule exams Monday thru Saturday from 9:00am - 1:30pm. Exam results are given immediately. The only disadvantage to on-line testing is that examinees can not appeal the test results. The MA Board of Certification will also offered the paper exam at limited times.

Tom Bienkiewicz also requested that the information for on-line testing be presented at the June Meeting in Holyoke, MA. Either Tom himself or Doug Borgatti, Springfield W&S can present. Tom also recommended the board post the information on the MWPCA website, newsletter and email blast. Tom will forward the information to the NEWEA office.

Charlie Tyler mentioned that he and Bob Pariseau were part of TAC and that anyone interested in joining should contact Charlie.

7. **Operator Exchange 2009** - It was mentioned that the 2009 Operator Exchange will be with Rhode Island during their September tradeshow. The board is currently looking for a Massachusetts participant. Dan Freitas and Mike Moreau had both volunteered to go to if no volunteer is found – however Dan has withdrawn his name due to employer issues.. Charlie Tyler also received a call from Phil Ryan, Haverhill, MA and Joe Pease, Holyoke, MA. Both are willing to participate in the program again. Joe Pease, from United Water in Holyoke, has also had his name forwarded as a potential candidate. A decision will be made at the next board meeting as to who will attend.
8. **MWPCA Promotional Products** – Mike Foisy will bring the MWPCA bumper stickers and stoneware coffee mugs to be used as raffle prizes to the June Meeting in Holyoke, MA.
9. **Decentralized Wastewater Plant Operations Committee** - Ray Willis not in attendance. Eric Smith reported that the committee recently held its second meeting and that they are setting goals.

10. **MWPCA Election 2009** - Charlie Tyler mentioned the ballots to elect MWPCA directors have been mailed by Peter Doyle to the membership. Charlie is not sure how many have been received to-date.

Incumbent directors whose terms are expiring are: H. Albro, J. Connor, E. Smith, and J. Witts. Former Director Vincent Melendez is also running for a seat. Incumbent Eugene Valliere has withdrawn his name from the ballot.

It was noted that MWPCA members Joe Dupuis and Ann Mastroianni have indicated an interest to serve and Al Moles has inquired for details regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Director position. The 13<sup>th</sup> Director position will be voted on at the 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting after the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to hold a MWPCA board meeting on July 1, 2009 at a mutually agreed location.** Mike Foisy requested the board to send restaurant suggestions for the July 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting via email.

11. **MWPCA Awards Program** - Valerie Flaherty not in attendance. Janice Moran (NEWEA) reported that Valerie will be attending the June meeting in Holyoke, MA. Valerie would like to present the lifetime award to Joel Gordon, who was unable to attend last year's Sept. meeting. The plant recognition award packages are finalized and will be mailed by the NEWEA office before the end of May.

12. **NEWEA Director Report** - Joe Witts reported that he will need nominations for NEWEA awards (Peloquin and Operator of the Year) before June 1st. Send nominations to Joe.

13. **Approval to send President to NEWEA Spring Meeting** - It was mentioned that Mike Foisy will not be able to attend the upcoming NEWEA Spring Meeting, June 7-10<sup>th</sup> in Providence, RI.

**On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to send Charlie Tyler instead of Mike Foisy to the NEWEA Spring Meeting, June 7-10, 2009 in Providence, RI and that he be reimbursed up to \$600.00 for hotel accommodations.**

#### **New Business:**

1. **Next Meeting** – It was reported that the next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **July 1, 2009 at 5:00pm. Location to be determined.**
2. **New Job** - Dan Freitas announced that he will no longer be working for Fairhaven WPCF. Dan will start his new job with MCI in Concord, MA in a few weeks and is unsure whether he will be allowed time off to attend MWPCA board meetings. Dan will keep the board posted.
3. **Training Defibrillator** - NEWEA has recently purchased a training defibrillator for the Operations Challenge teams to use during the upcoming competition at the NEWEA Spring Meeting in Providence, RI. The defibrillator cost \$300.00 to purchase. There had been discussion regarding asking state operator associations for funding assistance on this, but that is now unnecessary.

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