

**Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2010
Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA**

MWPCA President Michael Foisy called the meeting to order. The following were in attendance:

Henry Albro, Tom Azevedo, Tom Bienkiewicz (MADEP), Jane Brooks, Mike Burke, John Connor, Mike Foisy, Dan Freitas, Janice Moran (NEWEA), Mike Moreau, Eric Smith, Charles Tyler, and Tom Walsh (UBWPAD).

A quorum was noted.

Minutes:

1. **On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes from the May 12th Board of Directors Meeting.**

Old Business:

1. **Election Results** – Mike Foisy announced the election results for MWPCA director positions. Tom Azevedo - 136 votes, Mike Burke – 123 votes, James Laliberte – 125 votes, Mike Moreau – 114 votes and Eric Smith – 103 votes.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Eric Smith as Second Vice President for a one-year term.

2. **MWPCA Legal Financial Status** – Mike Foisy mentioned that the tax returns for 2004-2008 have been completed by contract with the CPA firm, Graham Shepherd. This topic will be further discussed.
3. **Meeting Planning Status** –
 - **March Quarterly Meeting** – The March 2011 Meeting has not been scheduled.
 - **Golf Tournament** – Joe Witts not present. It was reported that the 2010 Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 28 at Juniper Hill Golf Course in Northborough, MA. Currently there are 40 players and 8 sponsors registered to participate. The golf guarantee is 80 players. The committee will be making phone calls to solicit more players and sponsors before the tournament. Mike Foisy will follow up with Joe Witts later this week.
 - **June Quarterly Meeting** – The June Meeting was held today at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA. 107 registered for the meeting and 82 stayed for lunch.
 - **Fall 2010 Trade Show** – It was noted that the Fall Trade Show will be held on September 29, 2010 at the Wachusett Mountain Resort in Princeton, MA. The 1st vendor mailing was sent in April and 12 vendors are currently signed up. The 2nd vendor mailing will be sent in July and the attendee registration form will follow in the summer issue of MASSWaters.

- **December Quarterly Meeting** – The December Meeting will be held on December 8, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA. Tom Azevedo mentioned that he is currently developing the program.

4. **Management Training Program** – This new volunteer certificate management training program is designed to allow current operators the ability to move into supervisor and manager type positions in the industry. The program, co-sponsored by MA DEP, MWPCA and NEIWPCC, would consist of 20 or less participants, who would meet one day a month for 6 hours of training. Training contact hours would be awarded. The program will start in September 2010 and would take one year to complete. The course fees are estimated at \$500 per participant and the program is estimated to cost \$25,000.

Tom Bienkiewicz, MADEP provided the board with an updated class schedule and mentioned that MA DEP has now committed \$15,000 to the program. Tom mentioned that the program needs a financial commitment from MWPCA to ensure the success of the program. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Mike Moreau would draft a letter to NEIWPCC asking for a written proposal and budget before approving any funds.

In the meantime, the NEWEA office was asked to send out another email blast to the membership announcing the program.

5. **MWPCA Website** – Janice Moran, NEWEA reported that the NEWEA office has been having technical difficulties updating the MWPCA website using the current methods and provided the board with alternative web hosting solutions. Janice will contact Mickey Nowak to change contact names on MWPCA's domain and will work with Network Solutions to re-delegate MWPCA site.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to allow the NEWEA office to sign a yearly web hosting agreement with YAHOO on behalf of MWPCA and to authorize NEWEA staff to redesign the MWPCA website.

6. **2010 Operator Exchange Update** – Joe Witts and Vinnie Melendez not present. It was noted that the Operator Exchange program will take place with New Hampshire WPCA this September. The NH operator is Sam Heffron from Newmarket, NH.
7. **Government Affairs Update** – Joe Witts not present.
8. **Water Finance Infrastructure Commission Update** – Tom Walsh, UBWPAD reported that the Water Finance Infrastructure Commission has been formed. There are currently 12 people on the commission who will meet on a monthly basis. Groups involved include; EPA, DEP, Conservation Law Foundation, Charles River Association and others. The commission is working on a report (green technologies, stand alone plants and innovative technologies) that will be published next year. Tom will email the board a complete list of participants next week.

New Business:

1. **MWPCA Documents** – Tom Azevedo mentioned that he found some old MWPCA brochures while cleaning his office. Jane Brooks will include this information in the MWPCA historical records box.

2. **Boxford Holiday Inn** – Tom Azevedo noted that he had received hotel information from the Boxford Holiday Inn. This might be a better location for the March Quarterly meeting instead of Westford Regency Inn, Westford, MA. Tom will contact them and report back at the next board meeting.
1. **Newsletter** - Janice Moran, NEWEA reported that articles and photos for the summer issue of MASSWaters are due on Friday July 9, 2010. The following individuals agreed to provide articles:
 - Operation Challenge Recap – Jane Brooks
 - June Meeting Highlights – Charles Tyler
 - MWPCA Election Results – Jane Brooks
 - President’s Message – Mike Moreau
 - Golf Tournament Recap – Eric Smith
 - Fall Trade Show – Tom Azevedo
 - Devens Conference – Jane Brooks
 - Gadgets & Gizmos – Henry Albro
 - NEIWPC – Jim Laliberte
 - New Members – John Connor
3. **Massachusetts Operation Challenge Team** – The Massachusetts Operation Challenge Team, “Masserators” comprised of employees from Weston & Sampson took 3rd place at the Annual Operation Challenge Competition held June 8, 2010 during the NEWEA Spring Meeting in Ogunquit, Maine. A discussion was held regarding costs and sponsorship to help send the MA team to the national competition in New Orleans, LA during WEFTEC ’10. It was decided that a sponsor solicitation letter would be drafted and sent to the vendor list.
4. **Gadgets & Gizmos** – Henry Albro announced that the NEWEA will be offering a special Operator session at the 2011 NEWEA Annual Conference and they are looking for operators to present on creative solutions. MWPCA has been asked to send out an email to the membership to advertise. Henry also mentioned offering a membership raffle.
5. **Next Meeting** – It was noted that the next Board of Directors’ meeting will be held off-site at Chuck’s Steakhouse in Auburn, MA on July 21, 2010 at 5:30pm.