NHWPCA February 8, 2012 BOD Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Dave Lovely, Nancy Lesieur, Kristin Noel, Joe Laliberte, Peter Goodwin, Andrea Martel, Tim Vadney, John Adie, Ray Vemette.

Guests: Mary Jane Meier and Ray Gordon

Meeting was held at the Hall Street WWTF in Concord and started at 8:20 a.m.

Comments on the January 13, 2012 Minutes: Tim Vadney made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Nancy Lesieur. Vote was unanimous to accept.

NEWEA: Ray looking into adding to NEWEA’s website calendar, all of our important function dates. Currently, NEWEA has the Legislative Breakfast and The Trade Fair for NHWPCA on their online calendar. Ray suggested that we plan out our schedule of events at the beginning of each year so that he can give list to NEWEA to post on their website.

Also NEWEA nominations will be needed soon and BOD agreed to come up with nominations for the next BOD meeting in March. NEWEA needs nominations by April 2012. Ray stressed that the BOD be more proactive with NEWEA nominations. Also need to find a candidate for this year’s Operator Exchange. Ray McNeil was mentioned as a possible candidate for consideration.

NEWEA is also asking for $500 toward Stockholm Jr. Water Prize. The Stockholm Junior Water Prize is the world's most prestigious youth award for a water-related science project that seeks to address current and future water challenges. This is the first time in years since NH has had a candidate for the competition. The BOD felt this was a worthwhile endeavor and that we should support NH participation. This year’s Stockholm Junior Water Prize National Competition will be held in Boston, MA. Nancy wanted to clarify what category the money would come from in the budget and the BOD agreed that the Scholarship fund should contain a subdivision for the Stockholm Jr. Water prize. Scholarship is usually allotted $2500 which almost never is entirely utilized so $500 will come out of that category.

Dave Lovely attended the Presidential Meeting at the NEWEA conference and reports that we are in very good shape compared to other organizations. Maine is the only state that surpasses our organization. He also mentioned for future presidents of the
association that if they attend this event in the future that they should be prepared to give a summary of what we have done in the past year and to have a handout of that summary to give to those attending.

**Permit Committee:** Has not met officially yet, but hoping to meet the week of the Feb 20th. Peter also requested a copy of the mission statement that was developed for this committee.

**Website:** The malware problem has been fixed. Still don’t know why this occurred and Geri has little to no help from the website host. The tech wanted $100 to look into the problem but then wanted nothing to do with it. This brought up the issue of whether the BOD wants to consider a different webhost for our website. The board agreed that Geri should look into other providers for our website that would give us better website security as well as technical support.

Dave Lovely has requested that he be emailed any website changes each month so he can follow what is being added or updated on the site.

**Trade Fair:** All seems to be going along smoothly. We have two speakers for the four technical sessions. Alex Kates from Polydyne will speak about polymers 101 and Henry Albro will present Pressure Sewer line design. The technical sessions will be held at 8:00-8:45, 9:00-9:45, 10:00-10:45 and 11:00-11:45. Alex will present at 8:00 and 10:00 and Henry will present at 9:00 and 11:00. Members can potentially earn up to .3 CEU’s by attending trade fair and both technical sessions.

Dave Lovely also made a motion to raise the admission to the trade fair by $5.00 to $35.00 and this was seconded by John Adie. Vote was unanimous to accept. All felt that with the increase in the number of technical sessions that membership was getting an increased benefit.

Ray stated that he would arrive at the Margate early that morning with an entourage to help with set up and anything thing else that may be needed that morning. Also the President of NEWEA will present awards at the Trade Fair.
Association Gifts: Andrea will purchase $300 worth of gifts for the raffle at the Trade Fair.

Legislative Breakfast: All board members are attending. All acknowledged that Fred, Shelagh, Darren, Ned and all other members as well as co-sponsors are doing a great job of putting this event together. Members of this committee are scheduled to meet later today to practice presentations before the breakfast next week. All seems to be on track and may be our best Legislative Breakfast to date.

Activities-Summer Outing will now be called Summer Meeting and will have a technical session presentation by Eastern Analytical on Surface water testing for 0.1 CEU. Board would also like to have “Attitude adjustment” taken off of brochures because it is a hindrance to some members being able to attend. Board feels it sends the wrong message and makes it harder for members to attend if it appears to be only a social event. By adding a technical session to the Summer Meeting we may be able to increase attendance.

Communications: Posters contest winners have been chosen.

**Grades 4-6**

1st place – Ashok Arun, Bicentennial Elementary (5th grader)
2nd place - Fianna Ton, Bicentennial Elementary 5th grader
3rd place – Pamela Martinez, Gossler Park School (4th grader)

**Grades 1-3**

1st place – Michelle Ton, Bicentennial Elementary (3rd grader)
2nd place – Leanna Kish, Crossroads Academy (3rd grader)
3rd place – Thomas Beaver, Crossroads Academy (3rd grader)

Education: Spring Training Schedule is ready and will be on the NHDES website within the next two weeks. Also Ray Gordon and George Carlson will be doing training on FOG and Pretreatment Basics and information can be found on NHDES website (also sent announcement for this training to be included in the E-News and requested a link be added to our website).

Greg Kidd will also be presenting a Math Review class.
Wastewater Management School program will continue with some changes. It will run from March to November on the third Tuesday of each month. Applications will be available at the Trade Fair for the next session. Approximate cost at this time $500.00 per student.

**Legislative:** All on track for next week. Board is asking that members call their representatives and invite them to the breakfast as well as inviting them to tour WWTF’s.

**Membership:** No final count as of yet. Memberships continue to come in and will have a count at the March BOD meeting.

**Newsletter:** Doing well. Articles have been submitted on Why Ellacoya and Why Margate to explain the benefits of these two venues for our Summer Meeting and Trade Fair.

**Safety:** John missed this month’s meeting and will contact Rick Canteau for update.

**Scholarship:** Mike Carle has sent out all mailers and is just waiting for submissions.

**Ops Challenge:** There is an Ops Challenge Training day on April 20th at the Franklin Training Center. Team plans to compete in Atlantic City in May on the 14th and 15th.

**Winter Meeting:** Suggestions for the Winter meeting were Dover or Farmington. Suggestions for the Fall meeting were Plymouth or Crotchet Mountain. There will also be an Operator Day at Pierce Island in April.

**Budget:** Good news! Projected revenues for 2011 were set at $54,000 but the actual revenues were 67,035.59. Our expenses exceeded our revenues by only $1,162. Not a bad year. As discussed under NEWEA $500 will be taken from Scholarship for Stockholm Jr. Water Prize. And an increase of $300 for the website was also added.
Peter motioned for the BOD to accept the two changes to the budget and to approve the reminder of the budget as is at $71,600 which was seconded by Tim Vadney.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Next meeting to be held on Friday, March 9th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hall Street WWTF, Concord.