

MAINE WASTEWATER CONTROL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, JUNE 18, 2004
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
MMA, AUGUSTA, ME.

Attendance: Chuck Applebee, Tom Wiley, Howard Carter, Tony Gordon, Andy Rudzinski, Al Jellison, David Anderson, Darold Wooley, Mac Richardson, Joan Kiszely, Karen Giguere, Vivian Matkivich, Brian Kavanah, Mary Waring

Absent: Dan Bisson, Janet Abrahamson, Jeff Pinette

1. Call to Order: President Darold Wooley called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.
2. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: Al Jellison made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 21, 2004 meeting, as amended. Vivian Matkivich seconded the motion. All approved.
3. Treasurers Report: Dan Bisson was absent. Discussion on financial reports for May 2004 were tabled until the next meeting. Howard Carter's question on the Operations Challenge Donation revenues and expenses resulted in a discussion on how donations to support Operations Challenge are used and budgeted.
4. NEWEA State Director's Report: Howard Carter reported on the NEWEA Spring Meeting recently held in Newport, R. I. He found the meeting was productive. Tony Gordon, Vivian Matkivich, Darold Wooley, and Phyllis Rand also attended the Meeting. NEWEA wants input from the state organizations on inter-state training programs criteria. NEWEA has formed two Ad Hoc Committees to consider an interstate training program, and would like a representative from each State operator's association. Darold Wooley will ask Lenny Blanchette, JETCC Board member, to represent MWWCA. Darold asks that MWWCA consider the size of Maine and Maine's treatment plants and the need for in-state regional training vs. centralized training for New England.

Howard wants nominations for NEWEA award: : Pelouin Award , Maine Operator of the Year, and the Chase Award. These should be emailed to him by August 1, 2004.

5. DEP Representative Report: Brian Kavanah introduced a report "Status of Licensed Discharges". The report includes summary information on licensed discharges in terms of plant type, licensing, compliance, environmental performance, and enforcement status. He gave an update on Department rulemaking. The department is proposing rules on storm water control for new development in watersheds. Full details are on the Department's web page.

Brian noted that DEP needs to complete rulemaking for water quality bacteria standards. EPA has told some states that if they do not adopt protective criteria, EPA will implement their own criteria. Mike Grove is recently working on bacteria issues. Recently, they received a call from the EPA stating it will be paying closer attention to the bacteria problem. This will be discussed at the next stakeholders meeting.

Brian asked for feedback on recent Wastewater Laboratory QA/QC training provided by the DEP through JETCC. Brian thanked the MWWCA Laboratory Committee for their work on the project. Mac Richardson said his employees enjoyed the training and thought the class was good. Chuck Applebee said his employees are waiting for a CD version of the model QA/QC plan. Darold Wooley stated it was a good class. Some commentors think some requirements in the manual prepared by JETCC/DEP is over kill for small facilities. Brian countered that some of the information is considered mandatory and some just good policy procedure. David Anderson noted that the MWWCA Laboratory Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the MWWCA revisions to the MWWCA Lab Manual.

6. A lengthy discussion on what the DEP model (contracted by DEP to Katahdin Analytical Services) is requiring.

7. **Committee Reports**

- a) **First Vice President:** Vivian Matkivich had no report.
- b) **Membership:** Chuck Applebee reported. MWWCA has signed up some public works employees as a result of a recent campaign. Next week's meeting will focus on increasing corporate membership. Joan Kiszely suggested that MWWCA set up a booth at the APWA Highway Rodeo to attract more public works employees.
- c) **Second Vice President:** Andy Rudzinski reported for pretreatment, safety, and personal advancement committees and his participation at the Maine Principals Science Fair in support of the Stockholm Jr. Water Prize. Andy recommended that facilities subscribe to the Maine Dept. of Labor's newsletter. He informed committee members about an eco-terrorist group called Environment Liberation Front. They have caused over 9 million dollars in damages at sites throughout the United States, and have specifically threatened Maine facilities. He noted that the Personal Advancement Committee is looking for speakers/trainers for the Fall Convention and hopes to target small treatment facility programs. They specifically want a session on how a small facility can establish a DEP required pretreatment program.
- d) **Pretreatment Committee:** Chair Ron LeTarte is on vacation. Andy Rudzinski reported on the recent EPA Region I Pretreatment Coordinators meeting in Concord, New Hampshire. He also has been attending DEP stakeholders' meetings regarding setting Maine policy on handling / laundering/ disposing of wipers (cleaning rags /paper towels soaked with solvents).

- e) **Lab Committee:** David Anderson announced the lab meeting is Tuesday morning here at MMA at 9:00 a.m. for those who would like to attend. They will be working on revisions to the Lab Manual. He stressed that the object was to get it done correctly rather than to push to get it out. A written report was distributed.
- f) **Convention:** Tom Wiley reports there are 51 vendor spots available at the Chippy Pavilion. Last year there were 41 vendors and they were crowded. He is hoping that the increase in space will make everyone happy. If needed, some vendors' booths could be set up outside or in different buildings. He feels comfortable that people will be happy. Howard Carter recommends that MWWCA hold an Operations Challenge practice event for NEWEA teams going to the nationals. Tom Wiley recommends that teams not have to pay conference registration but pay for their own lodging and meals, and contribute to equipment handling costs. The event should be set up outside of Chippy's Pavilion to draw people to the vendors' booths. Tom Wiley will look into getting a tent.

NEWEA will send their membership list to MWWCA so their members receive registration forms for the MWWCA Spring Conference. Tom speculates that up to 200 persons could attend. Joan spoke about the Ogunquit facility accommodations that will be available if that location is chosen.

- g) **Operations Challenge:** Tony Gordon reported that Maine Pump Fiction competed against four other New England States' teams in the Operations Challenge event on June 8th in Newport, R.I. They took 2nd place. A report was submitted.
- h) **Past President:** Al Jellison had no report.
- i) **Personnel Advancement:** Al noted that the Committee will next meet in Waterville on July 15th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss plans for the Fall Conference.
- j) **Communications:** Mac Richardson reported that the paper should be in the mail anytime. It includes plant profiles, an Ops Challenge article, and Spring Conference pictures. Mac Richardson is trying to set up a committee meeting for first of July or the last of August. The next dead line is July 2, 2004. Mac Richardson hopes the next paper is mailed by the first of August.
- k) **Public Relations:** Brad Moore was absent but submitted a written report. Al Jellison reported there will be a meeting on July 14th at MMA at 9:00
- l) **Awards Committee:** Mary Waring reported. She would like to get nominations for the Goodenow Award. Mary requested help with the evaluations. Tom Wiley and Howard Carter will help with the evaluations for plants in the southern part of State. She will also ask for help from someone in the northern part of the State if necessary. She also needs nominations for the Gagne Award. She received an e-mail from Veazie asking to be considered for MWWCA awards. Mary will have MMA send out a nomination form to the MWWCA List Serve. Mary Waring will order award medallions that have the new MWWCA logo.

8. New Business

- a) Maine Water Utilities Association Joint Meeting: Jeff McNelly, Executive Director, and Executive Committee members representing Maine Water Utilities Association (MWUA) attended. Introductions were made. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the areas of joint cooperation with MWWCA. They are interested in joint training events and also possibly coordinating political lobbying activities.

Darold Wooley and Jeff McNeally will form two Ad Hoc committees. One will consider the feasibility of a Joint Conference with MWUA. MWWCA will be represented by Darold Wooley, Vivian Matkivich, Andy Rudzinski, Al Jellison, Tom Wiley, Janet Abrahamson, Tony Gordon, and Greg Cataldo. The other will look at other ways to cooperate/share resources. Such as a lobbyist. MWWCA will be represented by Mike Grove, Andy Rudzinski and Vivian Matkivich. Darold will be the lead to set up/schedule the meetings.

A lengthy discussion incurred on the advantages and disadvantages of having joint meetings.

- b) Vivian asked if MWWCA was going to provide a position to its membership regarding the municipal property tax cap bill known as the Palesky Bill. After discussion, the committee directed Darold to ask an MMA representative to educate the committee on the Palesky Initiative at the August meeting.
- c) The committee discussed possible candidates for Second V.P. in 2005. Both Dave Anderson and Chuck Applebee promised to consider it. The committee wants to have 2nd V.P. Nominations as an agenda item for the July Meeting.

- VII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Al Jellison, seconded by Mac Richardson. The meeting adjourned at 12.20 p.m.