

**Maine Wastewater Control Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, October 15, 2004  
9:30 a.m.  
MMA, Augusta, ME  
Final Minutes**

9:15 a.m. The new MWWCA Video, developed by the Public Relations Committee, was played for the Executive Committee

Attendance: Darold Wooley, Vivian Matkivich, Jeff Pinnette, Chuck Applebee, Andy Rudzinski, Janet Abrahamson, Michael Grove, Tony Gordon, Tom Wiley, Greg Cataldo, Mary Waring, David Anderson, Dennis Merrill, Mac Richardson, Margaret Langhill, Joan Kiszely.  
Absent: Al Jellison, Dan Bisson, Brad Moore, Leonard Blanchette, Howard Carter, Brian Kavanah, Steve Lane, Ron Letarte.

1. Call to Order: President Darold Wooley called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.
2. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: Mac Richardson made a motion to accept the August 20, 2004 minutes, seconded by Mary Waring, all approved, as amended.
3. Treasurer's Report: Dan Bisson was absent, however, he had reviewed the August financial report and, as reported by Darold Wooley, recommended that they be accepted. After the Executive Committee reviewed the August financial report, a motion was made by Mike Grove to accept the August 2004 financial report, seconded by Vivian Matkivich, all approved.
4. NEWEA State Director's Report: Howard Carter was absent.
5. DEP Representative Report: Dennis Merrill reported in place of Brian Kavanah, who was absent. Dennis reported that they are on schedule to meet the goal of only 5% of permits backlogged by the end of the year. He stated that everyone involved has done a great job with this. Darold asked about watershed grouping, and Dennis replied that a discussion will need to happen after the backlog has been caught up. Dennis stated that the idea of watershed grouping is a good idea, however, the transition plan could take a long time-possibly two permitting cycles. He would like feedback from interested parties. Dennis also reported that the meeting on bacteria standards went well. The department will be sending a letter that will include draft statutory changes. Mike Grove added that there has been a tentative agreement on language, and that tougher standards are being proposed. Mike stated that he is pleased with the end product, and that they have ensured that the language will reflect the standards. Dennis also noted that modification of the Toxicity Rule will be undertaken very soon. He stated that DEP will be meeting with individuals to accomplish two

important things: 1) to take into account the experience and data that's been collected up to this point, and 2) to update ambient water quality standards.

## 6. Committee Reports

- A. Awards Committee: Mary Waring reported that Tim Levasseur of KSTD has proposed presenting lifetime achievement awards to two former instructors in the EMVTI wastewater program. After a brief discussion, Mike Grove made a motion to present the Lifetime Achievement Awards to Don Weston and Ted Littlefield at the Spring Conference. Tom Wiley seconded the motion. All Approved. Mary also passed around the old and new MWWCA medallions for everyone to see.
- B. Lab Committee: David Anderson reported that the committee will be meeting on October 28, 2004. He noted that the Laboratory Manual is out on the website and that DEP has not yet finalized the Lab QA Guidance Manual.
- C. Communications Committee: Mac Richardson reported that the newspaper is at the printer today and should be out in approximately one week. He also reported that they are on target to have the full six issues out by the end of the year.
- D. Personnel Advancement: Janet Abrahamson reported on the evaluations from the MWWCA Fall Conference. Overall, attendees and vendors were pleased. Janet asked that Margaret Langhill, MMA Administrative Assistant put together a list of the number of attendees in each session. Janet also asked if Joan Kiszely had sent out the thank you letters for the speakers. Margaret will follow up. It was noted that Mac Richardson will be participating in the Operator Exchange Program and will be attending the VT Association's Trade Show/Technical Program on November 4, 2004. Also, Howard Carter has received an email requesting payment for the accommodations for the Operator Exchange participant who attended our conference. Janet inquired about funds being added to the budget to be used for an "A" list speaker for 2005 convention. Vivian noted that she should request it on her budget request form and that it could be discussed in greater length during the budget process. Finally, it was noted that Septage Management could be a topic for future sessions at the Convention.
- E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Safety Committee: Andy Rudzinski reported on an article in "Small Flows Quarterly," (Summer 2004, Volume 5, Number 3, page 8) with regard to legislation that has been passed to deal with unused medications. LD 1826, An Act to Encourage the Proper Disposal of Expired Pharmaceuticals, was signed into law on May 5, 2004 and goes into effect on July 1, 2005.
  - 1. Andy also recommended that the people who made appearances in the MWWCA video should be sent formal thank you letters and a complimentary copy of the video. Darold Wooley stated that the committee intended to do so.

F. Government Affairs Committee: Mike grove requested that the DEP submit the proposed freshwater bacteria standards under a separate LD versus in an omnibus bill that includes the controversial Class C dissolved oxygen standard that directly impacts the Androscoggin River. His concern is that the bacteria standards could get adversely impacted by the contentious issues involving the Androscoggin River.

Mike also stated that a letter was sent to Commissioner Dawn Gallagher with the goal of trying to set up a meeting with Ms. Gallagher and her staff, MWWCA's elected officers, and Greg Cataldo. The letter was reviewed and it was suggested that Jeff Pinnette should be included in this group, since one of the topics is residual utilization. The goal of this meeting is to cover the five points as noted in the letter, and also to establish dialogue and communication with DEP. The Government Affairs Committee hopes that this meeting will be a starting point for more meetings with the intent of addressing the five topics as noted on the letter. Darold Wooley then reviewed the five points.

- G. Operations Challenge: Tony Gordon reported that New England had good representation in New Orleans. He then reviewed Maine's placement compared to New Hampshire and Vermont, and stated that Maine took 9<sup>th</sup> place overall. Tony reported that he would have approximately \$150.00 left in his budget and would use those funds to rent a van to go to the awards ceremony.
- H. Residuals Management Committee: Jeff Pinnette reported that the stockpiling study has been submitted to DEP. There are no proposed regulation changes expected in the near future. Also, most of the committee's comments regarding MRWA's draft BMP's for wellhead protection were incorporated into the most recent draft. With regard to the Biosolids White Paper, Jeff reviewed an early draft in August 2004, and another in September 2004. Jeff noted that the next draft should reflect a lot more work to reflect MWWCA views, as there were very few changes between the August and September drafts. Jeff also noted that Jamie Ecker has contacted Jim Pollock to set up a Stakeholders' Meeting on the stockpiling memo that was issued by DEP, but no meeting has been scheduled yet. Jeff also stated that Andrew Carpenter is working on an article to MOFGA about biosolids, but there was currently a one-year backlog for publication. Jeff reported that he had been trying to contact Russ Libby, but was not getting a response, but then he contacted Sharon Tischer and was now communicating with Sharon with regard to sludge policy.
- I. Membership Committee: Chuck Applebee reported that it had been a quiet month. The Association has reached expected membership revenue amounts a couple of months earlier than last year.
- J. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Vivian Matkivich had nothing to report.

## K. New Business

- a. 2004 Fall Convention Wrap-up: Tom Wiley reviewed the evaluations, noting a few things:
  - i. Issue with lighting in the Grove Tent
  - ii. Comments about the food were varied-Tom noted that he thought the food was better in 2003.
  - iii. Comments about the location of events were varied.
  - iv. Golf was good overall.

Tom also showed thank you cards from one of the schools with drawings of what the students had learned in Mr. & Mrs. Fish's presentation. He noted that the total convention bill is approximately \$20,000.00. Revenue so far is approximately \$25,000.00 with approximately \$10,000.00 outstanding. Estimated profit should be about\$15,000.00. The number of attendees was about the same as last year. Tom expects to have a final bill in November. Discussion followed on finding a new location for Fall Convention.

- b. 2005 Planning Session: Vivian Matkivich reminded everyone that it is time to get geared up for 2005 and to start thinking about 2005 goals.
- c. 2005 Budget Preparation and Budget Requests: Darold noted that everyone needs to have their budget requests to Vivian ASAP if not turned in at this meeting. The planning session meeting is November 19, 2004 at MMA.

- L. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mac Richardson, seconded by Janet Abrahamson, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:58a.m.