

CAWPCA
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 - 12:00 P.M.
Greater New Haven WPCA Conference Room
260 East Street
New Haven, CT 06511
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Tom Sgroi, Denis Cuevas, Robbie Marshall, Pat Rimkoski, Mary Barry, Larry Murphy, Jay Sheehan, Carol Walter, Ray Drew, Brian Armet, Bill Brink and Bill Robinson.

Absent: Alice Kelly and Jack Healy.

Call to Order

President Denis Cuevas called the meeting to order at 12:27 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on August 29, 2018

Motion – Tom Sgroi

2nd – Bill Robinson

Abstain – Jay Sheehan, Brian Armet, Carol Walter and Bill Brink

Vote: Motion passes

2. Finances & Treasurer's Report

a. Our current bank account balance is \$29,497.66.

b. Mary provided a current overview of our budget.

c. After some discussion, it was suggested that as we no longer need CQ Roll Call, the budget line item should be deleted, and the funds be relocated via a Budget Transfer to Legislation.

Motion – Jay Sheehan

2nd – Tom Sgroi

Vote: Motion passes

3. Board of Directors

a. Denis sent an email to Board of Directors that have terms due to expire to see if they wish to renew their term.

b. Lee McNamar did not wish to continue on the Board.

c. Robbie Marshall, Bill Robinson, Bill Brink & Brian Armet were agreeable to have their 3-year terms renewed to our Board of Directors.

Motion – Larry Murphy

2nd – Bill Robinson

Vote: Motion passes

d. Denis informed the board that Benjamin Levin, Vice-Chair for the Marlborough WPCA expressed interest in joining our BOD. Denis will distribute a brief bio to the board for consideration.

4. Spring Workshop/Upcoming Events

a. Mary shared that there will be a New England States Meeting at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, MA on Sunday, March 10th thru Monday, March 11th. It will include 6 states and topics will include CQ Roll Call, Lobbyists, DC Fly-In and Strategic Planning.

b. Pat volunteered to pass out CAWPCA info flyers at her Synagro booth at NEWEA in Boston. Larry volunteered for booth time.

- c. The Aqua Turf has been reserved for Friday, May 3rd for our 2019 Spring Workshop.
Motion – Brian Armet
2nd – Jay Sheehan
Vote: Motion passes
- d. Discussion of possible workshop topics/participants included:
 - “Vendor Tech Talks” with a limited number of booths for Spring Workshop, as previously suggested.
 - Katie Dykes, newly appointed Commissioner of CT DEEP/James Albis, newly appointed Deputy Commissioner
 - NEBRA – discussion of scotchguard/teflon.

5. CAWPCA/CWPAA

- a. The possibility of a merger of the CAWPCA and CWPAA, and the pros and cons of combining associations were discussed. Concerns were expressed as to whether the smaller towns without WPCAs and those with septic systems would be properly represented.
- b. It was agreed that we would need to review Charters from other states to determine how it was handled, along with the CT Lab Charter; also, find out info on how they handle events, who attends, etc.
- c. Jay is meeting with CWPAA tomorrow and will find out if they are open to a merger. He will also distribute to the board a copy of the CWPAA Charter.
- d. A CWPAA/CAWPCA Committee is to form that includes Denis, Ray, Brian, Larry & Tom (Jay can serve as a liaison between the 2 groups) to find out more info, intentions, and if it makes sense.

6. Legislative

- a. DePino, Nunez & Biggs will continue to provide weekly emails for Capital Updates.
- b. Melissa Biggs suggested scheduling a workshop or showcase visit to the Capital and a walk around.
- c. Operator Training/Continuing Education can be addressed by going through Melissa to approach Denise Ruzicka & Katie Dykes.
- d. The DC Fly-In for National Water Policy will be on April 3rd-4th. Here is a tentative list of attendees that we are aware of from each organization:
 - CAWPCA: Denis Cuevas, Larry Murphy
 - GNHWPCA: Tom Sgroi, Gary Zrelak, Sid Holbrook
 - CWPAA: Art, Virgil, Jim Falconieri, Jen Muir.

Schedule next meeting for Thursday, February 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 P.M.

Motion – Brian Armet
2nd – Jay Sheehan