

CAWPCA
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - 12:00 P.M.
Greater New Haven WPCA Conference Room
260 East Street
New Haven, CT 06511

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Denis Cuevas, Pat Rimkoski, Tom Sgroi, Larry Murphy and Ray Drew.

Via Phone: Mary Barry and Janice Moran

Absent: Alice Kelly, Ben Levin, Jay Sheehan, Bill Robinson, Brian Armet and Bill Brink

Recently Resigned: Robbie Marshall

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 14, 2019

Motion – Ray Drew

2nd – Tom Sgroi

Vote: Motion passes

2. Finances & Treasurer's Report

- a. Our current bank account balance is \$25,338.01.
- b. Review of Profit and Loss vs Budget.
- c. Review of Dues as Income.

3. Board of Directors

- a. As per CAWPCA Bylaws Section 4.1 the president appoints a nominating committee by the end of each calendar year with nominations set 60 days before the Annual Meeting. Denis will send an email out to our directors, seeking nominations for active participants.

4. Fall Workshop 2019

- a. As a result of discussion during the last 2 meetings, it was decided that Ned Beecher would not be further compensated for his PFAS presentation other than his attendance, as provided for other presenters.
- b. The Fall Workshop will kick-off our Membership Dues structure that was approved at our last meeting, as follows:
"It is agreed that Regular Membership Dues will be \$20 per person per year for individuals employed within a Municipality or on a Water Pollution Control Authority Board of Directors in the State of Connecticut. Associate Membership Dues will be \$100 per person per year for Consulting Engineers, Vendors and other supporting professionals. Event Workshop Fees will adjust to \$65 per person per workshop for members and \$90 per person per workshop for non-members."

5. CAWPCA/CWPAA

- a. Tom and Larry had a meeting with Ray Weaver via phone, which seemed positive. They will set up a Merger Committee (Denis, Tom, Larry, Ray & Brian, with Jay acting as liaison between the groups) Meeting with CWPAA. Tom suggested a structure which would highlight the “win/win” scenarios for each group.
- b. It appears as though the main concern for CAWPCA would be regarding our small communities, and for CWPAA it would be for their operators.
- c. Some of the key issues discussed at the board meeting regarding a merger were as follows: how would we handle by-laws? Would an attorney be necessary? Can we find a pro-bono attorney? How our 503(c) status would be handled – would we each have to dissolve each associate and create a new one? Would we merge funds? Would we include CT Lab Association? is Lab Association interested in joining us? What name would we be called?
- d. Mary will research the Maine & Rhode Island by-laws, as they are combined entities in their states. Rhode Island is believed to have a “Lab Committee”. Pat will reach out to her contacts of Lab Association, Carmen Cresik (Meriden) and Kim Maloney (Wallingford).

6. Legislative

- a. Denise Ruzicka will retire from DEEP soon. It appears that DEEP is hoping to go in the directions of having NEIWPC take on the responsibility of keeping records for operators regarding testing, keeping track of their hours, etc. Tom will check in with Melissa Biggs to see if she has heard anything about this or has any information.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

Motion – Tom Sgroi

2nd – Ray Drew

Vote: Motion passes