

Wisconsin Wastewater Operators' Association
BOD Meeting – Green Bay, WI
April 24 and April 25, 2014

- 1: **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL:** President, K. Freber called the meeting to order at 10:15 am on Thursday, April 24, 2014. Roll call was taken. All present except S. Theizen.
- 2: **ADD NEW BUSINESS:**
Good to go as is.
- 3: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to except minutes of from the April 24 and April 25, 2014 meeting made by J. Smudde, Second J. Bratz. Motion carried.
- 4: **FINANCIALS:** Financials were reviewed and due to the issues with the PayPal accounts closing out of the 2013 Financials was tabled until Karen Harter could complete the entries and corrections. Review of 2013 financials will be done via email. Motion to except financials as is made by J. Bratz, Second L. Lutz. Motion carried.

Permanent Arrangements and Golf Outing reports requested to be brought forward first. Motion to approve. Motion to accept K. Zimmer, Second J. Bratz.

All in favor: Aye Motion Passed.

- 5: **PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS:** D. Neis reported that the *Osthoff Resort* in Elkhart Lake was a no go. A beautiful place but there was not enough restaurants and rooms for guests and the closest, large off site hotel was 20 miles away. *Grand Geneva Resort* in Lake Geneva will fit the bill. Dale is concerned about the room rates. The campus fee is also a concern. Karen is working on getting the final decision date pushed out to June 1, 2014. Dale contacted the *Hyatt on Main* to see if they were available in October 2018. They advised that they had dates available and that they would be open to negotiate a new contract. The *Blue Harbor* in Sheboygan was also suggested as a possible site for future conferences.

There was a lot of discussion on how do we accommodate the raising of costs of these conferences. It was suggested by the Permanent Arrangements committee that the BOD consider raising the cost of the conference in the future.

- 6: **Golf Outing:** R. Herwig reported that the golf courses for Green Bay were either Brown County or MidValley. Karen needs to complete the escrow account and what is the credit card % that PayPal takes.
- 7: **NOMINATIONS:** W. Peterson reported that he received two nominations for the Vice President position. These were from S. Thiezszen and J. Bratz. There are 2 directors position open. No nominations yet.
- 6: **PROMOTIONS:** J. Smudde handed out the BOD shirts. Jeff Smudde to look into more women's shirts as well for the promotional offering. The promotional company will handle everything

directly with the members. Regions will order ahead of time. We are looking at an email blast for the new items along with the promotions on the older stuff.

- 8: **SCHOLARSHIP:** J. Simpson advised that Crane Engineering paid their scholarship. WWOA has two scholarships and NCLabs will still have the Junior/Senior scholarships available.
- 7: **EXECUTIVE MEETING** No report.
8. **MEMBERSHIP:** No Report
- 9: **CLARIFIER:** J. Butt, reported that the back cover of the Clarifier has been taken by North Central Labs for the last 4 years. Is this supposed to be rotated?
- 10: **CAREER DEVELOPMENT:** – L. Lutz that we will see where this goes for next year. Maybe look at other venues and in different areas. He also advised that the Gateway Technical College (Racine/Kenosha/Walworth Counties) setting up a 2 year program for Wastewater
- 12: **AWARDS:** K. Zimmer No Report
- 13: **OPERATOR TRAINING:** J. Smudde and D. Lintner advised that they are looking into setting up an energy bill training session. July is the tentative time frame. Looking at two locations or one central location.
- 14: **DIRECTORY:** K. Harter is looking into the cost for updating the USB version of the directory.
- 15: **PUBLICITY:** K. Harter to add the June Golf Outing, Spring Sporting Clays and the Motorcycle event to the WWOA website calendar of events.
- 16: **REGIONAL COORDINATOR:** S. Thiezen
- 17: **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS:** K. Freber advised that the presentations were great this year. There was approximately 300 people in attendance. Next year Jeff Smudde and Don Lintner will be chairs.
- 18: **BIOSOLIDS SYMPOSIUM:** L. Lutz It was a good year with a great attendance. This had positive reviews. Next year's symposium will be chaired by WWOA. Rich Boden has been on this committee forever and wants to retire from it. We are looking for another person to chair this committee for WWOA. Will need to put an ad in the Clarifier to see if there is any interested person.
- 19: **SPORTING CLAYS:** J. Thalke asked for a raise in the fees from \$35 to \$40. Motion to approve. Motion to accept J. Simpson, Second J. Bratz. All in favor: Aye Motion Passed.
- 20: **WEBSITE:** S. Meifert reported that there are issues with duplicate email notifications going out to the members. This is because of the way the site is set up. If someone marks more than one region, they will get multiple notifications for these. It was decided that only the employment and membership renewals will be sent on an automatic email notification.

21: **TECHNICAL PROGRAM:** L. Lutz advised that the program has been set. Working to secure the Keynote and Farwell speakers.

22: **GUEST PROGRAM:** B. Bartel advised that Jean Van Sistine has agreed to take care of the Spouse/Guest Program for 2014. She is looking into a matinee at the Meyer Theater. The theater will be doing a matinee of the Gurensey Boys. She is also looking a tour at Lambeau Field as part of the program.

23: **LOCAL ARRANGMENTS:** B. Bartel reported that the proposed tour sites for 2014 conference are New Water's Green Bay facility and the Fox Energy Center. It was decided that we should use school buses for these tours due to the cost.

Bruce Bartel, would like the BOD to consider opening up the GBMSD facility to vendor's to set up any equipment or monitoring device that they could showcase in operation. Open during the conference will not fly with vendors, however on Thursday afternoon would solve the vendor issue. Need to bounce off Tom Mulcahy.

24: **EXHIBITOR COMMITTEE:** T. Mulcahy reported that they were working on the exhibits for the 2014 contract. He also reminded everyone what the Manufactures and Consultants sponsorship fees covers. They cover a large cost of the conference expenses. He thanked everyone for their work and help.

25: **OPERATORS' COMPETITION:** J. Bratz reported that he is looking more teams. How do we handle the new team's cost? Stevens Point (\$100) or get a sponsor to cover the costs.

26: **PERMANENAT ARRANGEMENTS:** No Report

27: **RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAWS:** No Report

28: **HISTORICAL:** No Report

Discussion moved back to the Government Affairs. It was stated that there needs to be another WWOA member for the Government Affairs Committee. J. Simpson volunteered for this position.

Also, it was noted that of all the invitations that went out to the Regional Officers the only regional officers to show up were Mark Stephani and Jake Becken, both from the Lake Michigan District.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a lot of confusion on the Life Members by-laws at the October meeting. K. Freber would like to have this redone in 2014 due to the confusion. As long as you are an active member, you still pay your dues. K. Zimmer to rewrite this for publication in the Clarifier and vote at the Annual Business Meeting in October. Motion to approve. Motion to accept D. Lintner, Second J. Smudde. All in favor: Aye Motion Passed.

New Business:

1. Karen to tell Joe Finn that we are interested in discussing the Midwest Water Conference that is held in March. CSWEA is pulling out. This is a chance for WWOA to be part of this. Joe Finn to attend the August BOD meeting.

Motion to approve the committee reports as presented. Motion to accept W. Peterson, J. Bratz second. Motion carried.

Friday, April 25, 2014 Green Bay Wisconsin

BOD reviewed the BEOs with the staff of the Hyatt on Main, along with a complete walk through of the convention center. Michael Jubert to work up the BEOs per the BODs discussions and input. Will send an updated copy to Karen Harter when completed.

ADJORNMENT: There being no further business, J. Simpson made a motion to adjourn, J. Smudde seconded the motion. Motion carried.