

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2009 MEETING
NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
NORTH JERSEY SECTION**

CALL TO ORDER: President Robert Cornetto, called the meeting to order at Ruppert's Restaurant at 6:43 PM.

ROLL CALL: Brian Bigler, Mario Bonaccorso, Joseph Bonaccorso, Ann Bonaccorso, Andrew Burroughs, Denise Burroughs, Robert Cornetto, Steve D'Achino, Jim De Block, Tory De Block, Ken Hrasdzira, Dick Jenkins, Jack Kennedy, Jack Lagrosa, John McNamara, Frank Pestana, Bob Ryan, Ramon Vara, Donald Schalck, Robert Androsiglio, Edward Yennie, Brian Beckmeyer, Arnold Raquet, Steven Wendowski, Tom Callan, Ray Ransom, Charles Blumeling, Kelly O'Connor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Cornetto noted that the minutes for the February 18, 2009 meeting were distributed and also posted on the web site and asked if anyone had any corrections or comments. Motion was then made by Joe Bonaccorso, to approve the minutes, and seconded by Ray Ransom. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:

John J. Lagrosa
James De Block
Kenneth Hrasdzira
Steven D'Achino
Joseph Bonaccorso
Brian Bigler

RECOGNITION OF STATE OFFICERS:

Federation Director: Joseph Bonaccorso
Executive Director: Jack Lagrosa

BILLS: The following bills were presented by Mario Bonaccorso for ratification by the membership:

Water Gap Country Club	Golf Outing 09 Deposit	\$500.00
Jack Kennedy	Golf Outing 09 Seed Money	\$500.00
Mail Net	Dinner Dance 09 Printing/Mailing	\$290.50
HydraNumatic Sales Co.	Dinner Dance 09 Flowers	\$400.00
Vicky De Block	Dinner Dance 09 Ladies Gifts	\$277.08
Vicky De Block	Dinner Dance 09 Posters	\$21.91
Robert De Block	Dinner Dance 09 Door Prizes	\$962.97
Dee Productions	Dinner Dance 09 Entertainment Balance	\$497.50
Awards Trophy Co.	Dinner Dance 09 Award Plaques	\$384.75
Fiesta Catering	Dinner Dance 09 – Banquet	\$13, 159.16
Gregory Cardena	Dave Baker Scholarship	\$1,500
Brian Beckmeyer, Jr.	Legacy Scholarship	\$1,500
Christina Fisher	Legacy Scholarship	\$1,500
Vicky De Block	Postage/Mailers/Meeting Announcements	\$492.93
TOTAL		\$21,936.80

Motion to approve the bills was made by Jim De Block, seconded by Joe Bonaccorso. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Communication

NORTH JERSEY SECTION EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: Bob Cornetto; No Report

Vice President's Report: Robert De Block; No Report.

Secretary's Report: Frank Pestana; No Report

Treasurer's Report: Mario Bonaccorso; No Report

Trustees Report: No Report.

SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auditing Committee: Chairman – No Report

Awards Committee: Chairman Robert Fischer – No Report

Education Committee: Chairman Brian Bigler – Looking at another presentation. There is a session set of on backflow prevention during first week in June in Bergen County. We are also looking for speakers for September meeting.

Ethics and Practices: Chairman Jack Lagrosa – No Report

Membership Committee: No Report

Meeting and Programs Committee: Chairman Ramon Vara - June meeting will be same week as Golf Outing. The June meeting will be canceled. The first meeting will be in September probably at Rupperts. Check the website and look for mailing on meeting information. The second meeting will be Affiliates Night. There will then be meetings on February 17 and April 21. After that will be the reorganization meeting. Joe Bonaccorso offers assistance on September program.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Ken Hrasdzira - No Report

Policy Advisory Committee: Chairman Brian Bigler - No Report

SECTION SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affiliates Night: Chairman Frank Pestana – He is collecting final payments for last year's Affiliates Night. For the next night there will be a change in location. The Meat Cutters Hall in Little Falls has stopped all rentals of the Hall. Mike Solla and Jack Lagrosa have found a place in Fair Lawn suitable for our size of an event. They have arranged a meeting to determine logistics to make a final decision.

Dinner Dance Committee: Chairman Robert De Block(absent)– Robert Cornetto said the night went extremely well, all had a good time, and arrangements have been made for next year on March 13th. Robert will have report at next meeting.

Golf Outing: Chairman Jack Kennedy – Golf Outing will be on June 19th at the Water Gap Country Club. Flyers are on the tables and posted on the website.

Life membership committee: Chairman – No Report

Social Functions Committee: Chairman Mario Bonaccorso – At the last meeting there was discussion of the poor turn out at "Night at the Races". WE had discussed a possible baseball game. He had looked into a NJ Jackels game and Montclair State University. They provide a picnic before to the game starting 90 minutes prior to the start of the game. Picnic includes hamburgers, hotdogs, beer, soda, and water through the 6th inning. It is an even where family and kids are welcome to attend. There is a minimum of 40 people. Adults cost \$33.00 and children \$24.00. There are two dates in July (12th and 26th) and two in August (9th and 30th). Games start at 2:05 PM. Agreement was for the August 9th date. Mario will call to settle the details.

NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Vice President: Robert Fischer – No Report

Executive Directors: John Lagrosa – NJWEA annual Conference will be held May 11-15th. Reminder to all to register conference and book rooms. Conference will be moving from the Tropicana to Bally's. Number of exhibits was increased from 202 to 237. There will be two mini-seminars in June – one Sussex County and one in Bergen county. Programs will be ready in a few days and sent out around the middle of May. The Tech-Transfer Seminar will be at the end of September. It will be four days long at the Sheraton in Eatontown, NJ.

Federation Directors: Joseph Bonaccorso – State of NJ is contributing on a committee that has been charged with detailing the relationship of dual membership. The state is also leading the charge to ensure that states with growing membership are being recognized. If there were questions about a mail advertising a added value package you can discard it, as the mailing has been recalled. Working with WEF to adjust and correct issues and problems with the database. Other states rely on NJ to understand how to relate membership problems that may arise. We are the largest member association in the group.

DEP Licensing – The deadline is September 30 2009. They will send out an invoice in August if their records show you requirements have been fulfilled. If there records do not show all your credits, they will not send you an invoice. If a count is needed please email Joe Bonaccorso

Other State Officers: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: Joe Bonaccorso commented on a committee being formed to assemble an exam question bank review on May 6th. Anyone that would like to participate needs an S4 license. May 15 is the second exam deadline after the new regulations.

**Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Treasurer Marion Bonaccorso
For the period of 2/28/09 – 3/31/09**

Opening balance	\$62,877.02
Deposits	2,865.00
Cleared Transactions	20,921.96
Cleared Balance	44,820.06
Uncleared Transactions	514.84
Closing balance	44,305.22
Scholarship CD – 807	11,306.03
Scholarship CD – 848	11,335.30
Total Assets	\$66,946.55

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Jim De Block, seconded by Brian Bigler

Discussion: None

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Good and Welfare: None

Door Prizes

Benefactors: Rapid Pump

Winners: Frank Pestana – donated to hospitality suite

The next meeting is September. Details will follow

Minutes can be found at: www.njwea.org/north-section/index.php

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Steve D'Achino, seconded by Steve Wendowski and approved unanimously at 9:00 PM.