

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 MEETING
NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
NORTH JERSEY SECTION**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Robert DeBlock, called the meeting to order at Ruperts Restaurant at 6:20 PM.

ROLL CALL: Brian Bigler, Mario Bonaccorso, Greg Burde, Steve D'Achino, Jim De Block, Robert De Block, Victoria DeBlock, Maurice Houckes Jr., Jack Kennedy, John McNamara, Frank Pestana, Arnold Raquet, Bob Ryan, Ramon Vara, Ken Hrasdzira, Jack Lagrosa, Bob Fischer, Ron Conte, Charles Blumeling, Steve Wendowski, Harry Ladisheff, John Gardneo, Justin Mahn, Robert Androskyli, Charles Moeller, Rick Gennarelli, Dick Jenkins, William Spindler, Art Appelbaum, Andrew Burrovich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice President DeBlock noted that the minutes for the May 21, 2008 meeting were distributed and also posted on the web site and asked if anyone had any corrections or comments. Motion was then made by Mario Bonaccorso, to approve the minutes, and seconded by Jim DeBlock. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried

Presidents Opening Remarks: Robert DeBlock informed everyone that President Cornetto sends his regards and apologizes for not being able to attend but he was called away on business. He then went on to inform everyone of the sudden passing of Dave Baker and how much Dave has done over the years not only for the Association but also for this country and his community and summarized Dave's personality as being dedicated to "Service" and how no one had a bigger heart or was more generous than Dave Baker. Jack Lagrosa then told everyone of how much of a help Dave was to him with the association and about the sign that was made up for Dave for "The Trailer" and that unfortunately Dave never got to see it. Mario Bonaccorso then proposed a toast to Dave Baker and everyone toasted to Dave.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Brian Bigler, Bob Fischer, Ken Hrasdzira, Jack Lagrosa, Jim DeBlock, Steve D'Achino.

RECOGNITION OF STATE OFFICERS: Bob Fischer, Jack Lagrosa

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

Manny's Restaurant	5/21/08 Section Meeting	\$953.60
Jack Kennedy	Golf Outing reimbursement	\$408.19
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Malcolm Pierni	Refund for Dinner Dance advertisement	\$255.00
Mario Bonaccorso	Reimbursement - Lap top anti-virus renewal	\$49.00
Water Gap Country Club	Golf Outing	\$2655.00
TOTAL		\$4,820.79

Motion to approve the bills was made by Steve D'Achino, seconded by Jack Kennedy. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jack Lagrosa informed everyone that there will be a Memorial Service for Dave Baker on October 11, 2008 at 1:30 PM at Ridgewood's Pollution Control Facility.

Steve Wendowski made a motion to provide a floral arrangement for Dave Baker's Memorial Service. Seconded by Steve D'Achino. The motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: (Bob Cornetto – absent); No Report

Vice President's Report: Robert DeBlock; No Report.

Secretary's Report: Frank Pestana; No Report

Treasurer's Report: Mario Bonaccorso; No Report

Trustees Report: No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Membership Committee: No Report

Policy and Advisory Committee: Brian Bigler; No Report

Nominating Committee: Ken Hrasdzira; No Report

Education Committee: Brian Bigler; Gave an update on the Backflow Preventer class. Hoping to have HydroQual at the next meeting for a presentation on Mercury and PCB sampling

Ethics and Practices: Jack Lagrosa, No Report.

Auditing Committee: No Report

Awards Committee: Bob Fischer; If anyone is aware of a deserving individual for any award please submit his name for consideration. Also, if there is anyone who qualifies for the scholarships to be presented at the awards dinner, please have them apply.

Meeting and Programs Committee: Ramon Vara; No Report.

Seminars and Technology: Bob Fischer; Gave an update on the upcoming Technology Transfer Seminar and informed everyone of the new location at the Sheraton in Eatontown.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Golf Outing: Jack Kennedy; Informed everyone that next year's golf outing has been booked for June 12, 2009 at the Water Gap Country Club.

Life membership committee: No report.

Affiliates Night: Frank Pestana; Provided and update for Affiliates Night to be held on November 13, 2008 at the Meat Cutters Hall and encouraged everyone to attend

Social Functions Committee: Mario Banaccorso; Night at the Races update

Dinner Dance Committee Robert DeBlock; The dinner dance will be held on March 14, 2009 at the Fiesta and information regarding the event should be out by the beginning of the year..

Night at the Races: Mario Bonaccorso; Reminded everyone of the Night at Races event to be held on October 4, 2008 and requested that anyone interested in attending let him know ASAP so he can finalize the arrangements.

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Bob Fischer; Encouraged everyone to check the web site for State awards available and also to volunteer to help at the League of Municipalities Convention if possible. He also said that they are always looking for articles for "Effluents" magazine so if anyone has anything to please pass it along.

Executive Directors Report: Jack Lagrosa; Anyone interested in attending the lunch at WEF TEC should respond ASAP so reservations can be made. He also reminded everyone that starting next May the conference will now be held at Ballys instead of the Tropicana and to pass the word around.

Old Business:

Robert DeBlock; Informed everyone that the State has started incorporation of the Section MOPs into the State documents. Also, anyone that needs to update their membership information needs to go to the WEF web site to make the changes.

Bob Fischer; The financial information from the North Section needs to be sent to the state association ASAP

New Business:

James DeBlock made a motion to establish a new scholarship to be named the "David N. Baker Memorial Scholarship". Below is the language for establishing the scholarship as presented by James DeBlock:

It is the intent of the membership that the David N. Baker Scholarship be awarded to a deserving applicant who, by their sustained actions, has demonstrated a sincere and significant commitment to the service of our nation and to civic and community volunteerism, in much the same spirit as Dave Baker who faithfully served our country, community and organization throughout his life.

The David N. Baker Scholarship shall be awarded pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

- *Shall be awarded annually at the Frank S. Miller Dinner Dance and Awards Night.*
- *The first Annual award to be presented in March of 2009*
- *The amount of the First Annual Award to be \$1,500.00 with the amount to be adjusted annually as required during the Section budget process.*
- *The recipient of the award to be a permanent resident of the State of New Jersey.*
- *The recipient of the award to be an Undergraduate or Graduate Student enrolled, full or part time in a New Jersey accredited college or university.*
- *The recipient of the Award to be selected from among the applicants by the North Jersey Section Scholarship Committee.*
- *The selection of the Scholarship Committee to be final subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.*

The applicants for the David Baker Scholarship shall document and be evaluated on the following criteria in order of importance:

- *The applicant's history of national, community and civic service demonstrating a commitment to volunteerism. Note that veterans of military service in the US Armed Forces seeking to continue their college education will be considered first.*
- *Documented academic excellence in secondary or post secondary schools.*
- *A demonstrated interest in pursuit of a college degree and career in the fields of engineering, science, mathematics or government service.*
- *Family member who is a past or current member of the NJWEA.*

Note that the only condition that must be met is the requirement for a demonstrated commitment to volunteerism.

The motion was seconded by Greg Burde and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Banaccorso;

For the period of 4/30/08 – 8/31/08

Opening balance	\$54,974.58
Deposits	5,957.00
Cleared Transactions	8,943.91
Cleared Balance	51,987.67
Uncleared Transactions	0.00
Closing balance	51,987.00
Scholarship CDs	20,000.00
<u>CDs Matured Interest</u>	<u>2,042.08</u>
Total Assets	\$74,029.75

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Brian Bigler, seconded by Greg Burde

Discussion: None

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Good and Welfare

Robert DeBlock informed everyone that Dick Jenkins's brother recently passed and let him know that on behalf of the Association our thoughts & prayers are with Dick and his family.

Door Prizes

Benefactors: Hydronumatic Sales and D2L Associates

Winners: Charles Blumeling and Rick Gennarelli

The next meeting is February 18, 2009 at Rupert's Restaurant.

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Bigler, seconded by Steve D'Achino and approved unanimously.