

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2008 MEETING
NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
NORTH JERSEY SECTION**

CALL TO ORDER: President Brian Bigler called the meeting to order at Rupert's Restaurant, Riverdale, N.J. at 6:25 PM.

ROLL CALL: David Baker, Steven Wendowski, Jack Lagrosa, John McNamanra, John Kennedy, Vicky DeBlock, Jim DeBlock, Robert DeBlock, Tory DeBlock, Bob Cornetto, Bill Cleary, Brian Bigler, Ken Hrasdzira, Mario Bonaccorso, Charles Bluemeling, Stephen Dowhan, Ron Conte, Bob Ryan Ric Quintieri, Paul O'Donnell, Bob McAdams, Tony Graham, Greg Burde, Pam Tewbner, Frank Pestana, Robert Androsiglio, Arnold Raquet, Francis Bonaccorso, Joe Bonaccorso, Ann Bonaccorso, and Gary Grey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Bigler deferred the vote on the minutes until everyone has had a chance to read them during the meeting, copies were on the tables.

Presidents Opening Remarks: Brian Bigler remarked that this will be his last meeting. His term will end on May 1, 2008. The North section accomplished a lot with all the duties and function that were run. Especially of note have been the workshops and Backflow Prevention Course that is scheduled for August. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Steve D'Achino , Dave Baker , Steve Dowhan, Jim De Block, Jack Lagrosa, Joe Bonaccorso and Ken Hrazdzira.

RECOGNITION OF STATE OFFICERS: Joe Bonaccorso and Jack Lagrosa

BILLS: The following bills were presented by Frank Pestana for ratification by the membership:

NJWEA	Student Program	500.00
Rupperts	02-20-08 Section Meeting	522.22
Brian Bigler	Dinner Dance -08 Gifts	810-40
Ralph LaMendola	Supplies for Dinner Dance Booklets	116.59
Ralph LaMendola	Reimb. for Dinner Dance Booklets	37.57
Joseph Correia	Dinner Dance -08 Scholarship	1,500.00
Brett Cardena	Dinner Dance – 08 Scholarship	1,500.00
Alexandra Jacob	Dinner Dance – 08 Scholarship	1,500.00
Fiesta Catering	Dinner Dance – 08 Hall	12,289.11
Dee Productions	Dinner Dance – 08 DJ	497.50
Aramark Corp	Deposit for the Night at the Races 08	598.00
Brian Bigler	Reimb. for Fruit Basket for Mike Solla	68.94
Reedemer Lutheran Church	In Memory of Ed Moller Sr.	100.00

TOTAL **\$20,040.33**

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

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: Brian Bigler, No Report

Vice Presidents Report: Bob Cornetto; No Report.

Secretary Report: Robert De Block; No Report

Treasurer Report: Frank Pestana; No Report.

Trustees Report: Steve Dowhan; No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Membership Committee Mark Meneghin; No Report.

Policy and Advisory Committee Bob Fisher; No Report.

Nominating Committee Ken Hrasdzira; noted that Tom Burges of the safety committee will be a speaker at WEFTEC, Jim Paluch will be an alternate. Robert De Block will be a moderator.

Ken presented the last reading of the Nominating Committee Report for officers May 2008- May 2010. Trustee and Delegates for May 2008 – May 2009 :

OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

2 Year Term May 2008 – May 2010

President - Robert Cornetto

Vice President - Robert De Block

Secretary - Frank Pestana

Treasure - Mario Bonaccorso

Trustee 3 year Term - Ralph LaMendola (2nd 3 year term)

Delegates to the NJWEA Governing Body

May 2008 to May 2009

Robert De Block	David N. Baker	Ralph LaMendola
Frank Pestana	Stephen K. D'Achino	Michael Lyons
Mario Bonaccorso	Richard Jenkins	Kenneth Hrasdzira
Stephen Dowhan		

Alternate Delegates to NJWEA Governing Body

May 2008 – May 2009

Robert Grodeska	Donna Lyons	Francis Bonaccorso
Gregory Burde	James De Block	

Motion to approve the list of Delegates and offices with one vote was made by Steve Dowhan and seconded by Dave Baker.

The motion was approved unanimously.

All terms commence at the conclusion of the NJWEA Annual Meeting held at the Annual Conference in May.

Education Committee: Steve Dowhan; It was a pleasure to serve as Education Chairman under Brian's tenure. Joe Bonaccorso informed every the certificates will be coming out soon to the people who need them.

Ethics and Practices: Jack Lagrosa; No Report.

Awards Committee: Brian Bigler; No Report

Meeting and Programs Committee Bob Fischer; No Report

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Golf Outing John McNamara; Arrangements have been made for the 2008 outing which will be held at the Water Gap Country Club on June 20th 2008. 8AM registration and 9AM breakfast and 10AM shotgun start. Dinner will be at 3:30 and we will be playing 2 man best ball. So far we only have 4 players signed up. The flyer are on the tables. Please get your information in as soon as possible.

Life membership committee: Mark Menighan; No Report

Bob Ryan mentioned getting a letter from WEF about Federation life membership. You must fill out the form with WEF. To qualify you must have 35 years in the business and be 65 years old. Jack Lagrosa said there is a State Life membership. You must have 25 years in the business and be 65 years old. Contact Jack Lagrosa for the New Jersey State Life membership.

Affiliates Night Bob Corneto reported that the profit from Affiliates night was \$3,600. With a record breaking 50-50.

Social Functions Committee Mario Bonaccorso; The Night at the Races will be October 4 2008, we will have the private room again which has a limit of only 60 people. The flyers will be out in September.

Dinner Dance Committee Bob Cornetto; The Dinner Dance was well attended at the Fiesta. We had 141 paid attendance. We booked next year at the same place for March 14, 2009. Mario Bonaccorso thanked Bob for all the work he did running a well attended Dinner Dance.

NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

NJWEA President; Joe Bonaccorso reported that we are making progress with DEP on the TCH's. The transcripts will be out after the conference. Joe also thanked everyone for all their help and support during his term as NJ President. It's the people that make this association work. Bob Corneto thanked Joe for all his work.

Executive Directors Report: Jack Lagrosa reported that the Executive Officers attended a workshop in Philadelphia which was very informative. The New Jersey Conference is going strong, only 2 exhibit tables are left. There are 205 exhibitors and 1600 preregistered attendees so far. Next year we are moving to Bally's because of the size of the exhibit hall. At Bally's all the exhibits will be in one room. We will also have room for the Operators Challenge again and will be hosting a regional completion. The NJ Operator Challenge Team, Cape Shore Workers, took first place at an invitational tournament in Virginia. Anyone going to the 5S breakfast or the Manhole lunch must get their forms in.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mario Bonaccorso reported that the Collection System seminar in March was very informative and reviewed emergency response. EPA Rep said whenever STP overflow to call EPA and then EPA will call DEP. We told EPA that NJDEP insists we notify the NJDEP Hotline. Chris Hoffman of NJDEP confirmed that we only have to call the DEP not the EPA. Joe Bonaccorso noted that in many regions outside New Jersey EPA has the final regulatory authority as not all states have their own strong regulatory authority.

Bob Cornetto brought up the idea of golf shirts for the association. Steve Wendewski noted that we can bring some more recognition to this organization and promote camaraderie. We are currently looking into the costs, at this point it may be as low as \$10.00 and be revenue neutral.

Jack Lagrosa reported that the seminar tech is moving to the Sheraton Inn in Eatontown. There will be room for 25 table tops and more room for meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Pestana;
For the period of 02-01-08 – 03-31-08

Opening balance	\$53,742.25
Deposits	\$19,845.00
Cleared Transactions	\$19,399.39
Cleared Balance	\$54,187.86
Uncleared Transactions	\$1,768.94
Closing balance	\$52,418.92
Scholarship CDs	\$20,000.00
Total Assets	\$72,418.92

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Steve D'Achino, seconded by Greg Burde.

Discussion: None

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Good and Welfare: With the passing of Ed Muller we will miss a friend to all. Mike Sola is back at work and will have another operation soon.

Door Prizes: Benefactors – Beckmeyer Engineering
Recipients: Jack Kennedy and Ann Bonaccorso

Approval of Minutes. Jim DeBlock made a correction to the minutes. On the next meeting date it stated that there would be a 2 hour seminar before the meeting and that was deleted.

Motion to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2008 was made by Dave Baker and seconded by Jack Kennedy.
The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be May 21, 2008 at Mannys Restaurant in Moonachie and will be preceded by a plant tour.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jack Kennedy and seconded by Dave Baker and approved unanimously.