

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 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 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: Robert Androsiglio, David Baker, Brian Bigler, Charles Blumeling, Mario Bonaccorso, Dan Carey, Tom Carman, , Ron Conte, Bob Cornetto, Steve D'Achino, Jim De Block, Robert De Block, Victoria De Block, Lourie De Rosa, Dennis W. Dittrick, Steve Dowhan, Bob Fischer, Fred Forte, John Gardneo, Robert Gillow, Tony Graham, Paul Hollick, Maurice Houckes Jr., Ken Hrasdzira, John A. Kennedy, Jim McGregor, John McNamara, Mark Meneghin, Frank Pestana, Vince Phillips, Ric Quintioni, Arnold Raquet, Chris Rutishauser, Bob Ryan, Ramon Vara, Jim Wancho and Steven Wendowski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Bigler noted the minutes are no longer being mailed and are available on the NJWEA website.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2007 was made by Frank Pestana and seconded by Mario Bonaccorso.

Discussion: None

The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried

Presidents Opening Remarks: Brian Bigler, Thanks to Chuck for the outstanding presentation. These spreadsheets are very useful. I can remember titrating every BOD bottle, things change for the good.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Bob Fischer, Steve D'Achino , Dave Baker , Steve Dowhan, Jim De Block and Ken Hrazdzira.

RECOGNITION OF STATE OFFICERS: None present.

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

Sussex County MUA	Reimb. for 9/19/07 Meeting	\$15.00
Rupperts Restaurant	Section meeting 9/19/07	\$563.44
Aramark Corp	Night at the Races 40 tickets	\$1,528.75
Aramark Corp	Night at the Races 2 Ticktes	\$106.10
Baskingers	Affiliates Night 07 – Dinner	\$4,788.00
Baskingers	Affiliates Night 07 – Beer and Soda	\$840.00
Robert De Block	Affiliates Night 07 – Digital Camera Prize	\$289.00
Jim De Block	Affiliates Night 07 - Soda, Chips Supplies	\$216.25
HydraNumatic	Affiliates Night 07 – Beer & Wine	\$251.73
Prestige Party Rental	Affiliates Night 07 – Table Rental	\$279.00
Jack Lagrosa	Affiliates Night 07 – Reimb. Hall Rent Dep.	\$100.00
Robert De Block	Affiliates Night 07 – Reimb. Hall Rental	\$400.00
La Reggia	Executive Committee Meeting 1/10/08	\$179.95
NJWEA	Student Memberships (4-Scholarships)	\$528.00
Dee Productions	Deposit for Dinner Dance DJ	\$497.00
Water Gap Country Club	Deposit for Golf Outing 08	\$500.00

TOTAL **\$11,082.22**

Motion to approve the bills was made by Steve Dowhan, seconded by Dave Baker. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: Brian Bigler, There are many issues before us as managers and operators of facilities regulated by the NJDEP. State laboratory certification inspections are now being conducted. After 10 years without an inspection we have had 2 in 2 years and we are told we are looking at two year cycles for inspections. The DEP is requiring "Ultra Clean" techniques to be used in the collection of samples to be tested for mercury in accordance with the Amalgam Rule. If you have fillings in your teeth and exhale you may contaminate the sample. The analysis is relatively inexpensive but the collection may cost as much as \$7000 per event.

Vice Presidents Report: Bob Cornetto; No Report.

Secretary Report: Robert De Block; I hope every received the meeting notification via postcards. I have previous reported that we were going to use an online program but we can not get the WEF database to merge with the online program. We decided to produce the cards in house. If you did not receive the postcard please let me know.

Bob Cornetto; I urge everyone to go online to confirm your mailing address on www.WEF.org It was noted that some members could not access the URL listed on the postcard.

Robert De Bock will check the address listed to make sure it is accurate in the future.

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 Fischer; No Report.

Nominating Committee Ken Hrasdzira; Presented the second 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	

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

Education Committee: Steve Dowhan; We had a great presentation today and we look forward to providing more opportunities in the future. What can I say? BIGGER AND BETTER

Ethics and Practices: No Report.

Awards Committee: Brian Bigler; The Section will be well represented at the awards luncheon during the State Conference this year. (4/28 – 5/2). The following members will be receiving recognition for their efforts:

NJWEA Awards

Ike Welcome Award (Collection Systems)	-	Jim Paluch
Safety Award	-	Brian Bigler (and no I didn't nominate myself.)
State Service Award (North Section)	-	Ramon Vara

WEF Awards

Authur Sidney Bedell Award	-	Steve Dowhan
Laboratory Analyst Excellence	-	Donna Lyons

For the North Section Awards to be presented at the Frank S. Miller Dinner Dance, 3/8/08

Outhouse Award	-	Roland Conti
T. William Cleveland Award	-	(Find out at the Dinner)
Section Supporter Award	-	Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties

Meeting and Programs Committee Bob Fischer; I wanted to remind every that the Technology Transfer Seminar is 4 days this time. There is a joint session with NJAWWA. Next October we are moving from Tinton Falls. We will likely be at the Ramada Inn on Rt 33 off of Exit 8 of the NJ Turnpike.

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.

Life membership committee Mark Meneghin; No report.

Affiliates Night Robert De Block; I hope everyone enjoyed Affiliates Night this year. It was another tremendous event and there are a number of individuals that need to be recognized for their hard work. Bob Cornett and Steve D'Achino for securing the refreshments and tending bar, Ramon Vara and John McNamara for working the door. Joe Bonaccorso, Jack Lagrosa, Henry Penley and Jim De Block for pushing the tabletop sales. We had over 40 exhibitors and 260 tickets sold. Rick VanderWende handled the registrations and did a tremendous job.

Social Functions Committee Mario Bonaccorso; We are looking at Saturday October 4th for the Night at the Races at the Meadowlands. We received a good response over having the private room and we are looking to do the same today.

Dinner Dance Committee Bob Cornetto; The Dinner Dance is March 8th at the Fiesta on Rt. 17. If you have not signed up registration forms are on your table and are also available online at www.njwea.org. Get your information in as soon as possible for the ad book. We hope to see you all there.

NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Executive Directors Report: Jim De Block for Jack Lagrosa; Conference is coming up the last week of April. The exhibit area is almost sold out so this is your last chance. Rob Pennington has put together a great program we should all take advantage of. The program is available on line. This will be our last year at the Tropicana. Next year we will be moving to Bally's as the NJWEA has just outgrown the Tropicana. We will have more exhibit space all in one area and better meeting rooms.

Old Business: Brian Bigler; This years scholarship recipients have been selected and I'm please to announce Bret Cardena, Alexandra Jacob and Joseph Correia will each receive a \$1500 scholarship and student membership.

New Business: Ron Conte; Fairlawn has scheduled a dinner cruise around Manhattan there is room still available to anyone who would like to go.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Pestana;
For the period of 9/1/07 – 1/31/08

Opening balance	\$50,531.23
Deposits	\$14,229.00
Cleared Transactions	\$11,017.98
Cleared Balance	\$53,742.25
Uncleared Transactions	\$1,128.00
Closing balance	\$52,614.25
Scholarship CDs	\$20,000.00
Total Assets	\$72,614.25

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Charles Blumeling, seconded by David Baker.

Discussion: None

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Good and Welfare: We would like to welcome two new members, Dan Carey and Jon Gardneo.

Door Prizes: Benefactors – Beckmeyer Engineering

The next meeting is April 16th at Ruppert's Restaurant.

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jack Kennedy, seconded by Mario Bonaccorso and approved unanimously.