

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 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:** David Baker, Brian Bigler, Brian Beckmeyer, Joseph Beckmeyer, Francis Bonaccorso, Mario Bonaccorso, Greg Burde, Bill Cleary, Bob Cornetto, Steve D'Achino, Jim De Block, Robert De Block, Tory De Block, Victoria De Block, Steve Dowhan, Tony Graham, Tom Hayes, Maurice Houckes Jr., Jack Kennedy, Matthew M. Klug, Ralph La Mendola, John McNamara, Kevin O'Brian, John Pampaloni, Frank Pestana, Arnold Raquet, John Reverendo, Bob Ryan, Jay Switi, Adeline Theobald, Ramon Vara, Jim Wancho and Edward Yennie.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** President Bigler asked everyone to review the minutes of the May 23, 2007 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by David Baker and seconded by Mario Bonaccorso.  
Discussion: None  
The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried

**Presidents Opening Remarks:** Brian Bigler, He hoped everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. He thanked our presenters from Hansen and Sawyer and Jim Wancho for making it possible. It was a timely presentation on nutrient removal which will be a major issue in the near future.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:** Steve D'Achino, Dave Baker, Steve Dowhan and Jim De Block.

**RECOGNITION OF STATE OFFICERS:** No state officers were present due to the a meeting conflict

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

Hackensack Riverkeeper	Eco-Cruise 5-23-07	\$450.00
La Reggia	Section Meeting 5-23-07	\$1,241.42
Water Gap Country Club	Golf Outing - 07	\$3,502.00
North Bergen Post Master	Pre-Stamped Envelopes (850)	\$425.00
Joe Bonaccorso	Reimb. - Labels for mailings	\$29.95
La Reggia	Executive meeting 9-7-07	\$218.58
NJWEA	Reimb. - remote laptop control	\$39.99

**TOTAL**            **\$5,906.94**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Pat Mattarazo; gave a presentation on phosphorous. We fought the 0.1 limit and were successful.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** Brian Bigler, an Executive Committee Meeting was held on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Items addressed during this meeting included the Manual of Practice for the Section, Member Notification, nominations, budget and the scholarship program.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Bob Cornetto; No Report.

**Secretary Report:** Robert De Block; You will no longer be receiving full page flyer meeting notices. As our membership is well over 800 it has become impractical and far more expensive to continue notifications in this manner. Ralph LaMendola and those who have worked with have donated a tremendous amount of time to the task over the years and they deserve our thanks. We will begin sending meeting notices on a postcard using an online company. In most cases these postcards arrive in the mail within 2 days but we will be testing the system in the next month to ensure efferent delivery. The postcard will also direct you to the website for further information.

Bob Cornetto, We need to get use to using the website. We need to save money and take advantage of the technology we have at our disposal.

**Treasurer Report:** Frank Pestana; At the request of the state association we have switched our account from Wachovia to Commerce Bank which is used by the NJWEA. We are in the process of reviewing our financials and we did turn a small profit but the final numbers are not yet available.

**Trustees Report:** Steve Dowhan & Ralph LaMendola; No Report.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Membership Committee** NO REPORT

**Policy and Advisory Committee** Dave Baker; The draft of the Section Manual of Practice has been completed and is under review by the Executive Committee. It will likely be adopted at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

**Nominating Committee** Dave Baker, Presented 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 - Ralph LaMendola (2<sup>nd</sup> 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	

**Education Committee:** Jim Wancho;

**Ethics and Practices:** Jack Lagrosa, No Report.

**Auditing Committee** Ralph LaMendola, We are still working with the IRS on the finalization of the old North Section.

**Awards Committee:** Brian Bigler; Nominations for NJWEA awards have been submitted to the NJWEA Awards Committee.

**Meeting and Programs Committee** Bob Cornetto; No Report

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Golf Outing** John McNamara; The 2007 golf outing was another success despite slightly lower golfer turnout. There were 44 Golfers and 32 Sponsors for the June 15<sup>th</sup> event that was held at the Water Gap Country Club. Arrangements have been made for the 2008 outing which will be held at the same location on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**Life membership committee** No report.

**Affiliates Night** Robert De Block; Affiliates Night is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Meatcutters Hall on Paterson Ave. in Little Falls. Cost for this years event have increased and will be reflected in both ticket prices and exhibitor table tops. Dinner cost for members will be \$34, Non members \$39. Table top exhibits will be \$96 for Members and \$130 for Non-members. Exhibitor set up will be at 3:30, complematry wine and soda from 4PM – 7PM with dinner served at 7PM. Even considering the slight increase this event remains reasonably priced for both dinner and exhibitors. Rick VanderWende has volunteered to manage the registrations and it is strongly recommended that you get your information in early as this is a very popular event.

**Social Functions Committee** .

**Dinner Dance Committee** Bob Cornetto; As reported at the last meeting the dinner dance was a successful event. We are booked at the Fiesta for next year.

**NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:** Jim De Block; The NJWEA Luncheon at WEFTEC is on Monday at Casa Guadalajara. The Technology Transfer Seminar is moved to September 25-27<sup>th</sup> we hope to see you all there.

Executive Directors Report: No Report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dave Baker recommended looking into the purchase of a projector screen for the North Section.

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank Pestana;  
For the period of 5/1/07 – 8/31/07

Opening balance	\$48,013.90
Deposits	\$10,295.00
Cleared Transactions	\$7,777.67
Cleared Balance	\$50,531.23
Uncleared Transactions	\$813.52
Closing balance	\$49,717.71
Scholarship CDs	\$20,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$69,717.71</b>

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Steve Dowhan, seconded by David Baker.

Discussion: None

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

**Good and Welfare**

**Door Prizes:** Benefactors – Beckmeyer Engineering, D2L Associates, Johnston & Conway, Pumping Services, Rapid Pump & Meter Service

Winners: Ramon Vara, Dennis Scanell, Pat Mattarazo, and Ron Conti who generously donated the bottle to the NJWEA Hospitality Room for the 2008 Conference.

The next meeting is February 20, 2008 at Rupperts Restaurant and will be preceded by a 2 hour seminar.

[www.njwea.org/north-section/index.php](http://www.njwea.org/north-section/index.php)

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