NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

SOUTH JERSEY SECTION

Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

The business meeting of the New Jersey Environment Association South Section was called to order by President Bob Carlson at 18:06 hours at The Crab Trap located at 2 Broadway in Somers Point, New Jersey. The following members were present at roll call:

 Bob Carlson, President

 Joe Pantalone, Vice President

Kathy Collinge, Treasurer

Kevin Whitney, Secretary

Rick Eustace, Trustee

Frank Deyhle, Trustee

Rocco Maiellano, Trustee

Josh Palombo, Past President

John Reardon, NJWEA President

**Approval of Minutes**: Frank Deyhle made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2021 business meeting, seconded by Steve Blankenship and unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President’s Report:** Bob Carlson

* Worked with the Biosolids committee to help finalize Biosolids / Energy program for the Spring Technology Transfer Seminar and Annual Conference.
* Attended an Executive Meeting on January 28th, 2022 at Atlantic County Utilities Authority.
* Attended Springs Tech Transfer.
* Attended South Section’s Vendor Day on April 1st, 2022, it was an enormous success, all tables were sold out and attendance was great.
* Attended an Executive meeting via Zoom on April 4th, 2022.
* South Section is planning atrip to the Phillies – details to follow.
* South Section’s Awards Dinner has been pushed to a date yet to be determined.
* South Section’s next regular Business meeting / barbeque is tentatively scheduled for June 17th, 2022 at the Cape May Zoo.
* I would like to close by thanking the South Section for giving me the opportunity to serve as the South Section’s President for the past two (2) years, which were trying considering the COVID pandemic. I look forward to serving and assisting this organization in the future.

**Vice President’s Repor**t: Joe Pantalone

* Big applause to Bob and to his accomplishments as President of the South section. Looks forward to continuing growing the section, especially with younger members.
* The following have been awarded south section scholarships:
	+ Kaitlyn Brodecki awarded the Robert Ingles Scholarship
	+ Andrew Zerra awarded the John Manganaro Scholarship
	+ Ryan Hughes awarded the Memorial Scholarship
	+ Stefaniya Zuzulya awarded a second John Manganaro Scholarship.

**Treasurer’s Repor**t: Kathy Collinge

* Association checking account balance as of February 28, 2022 was $43,074.39.
* The Section’s Wells Fargo Investment portfolio for February 2022 closing is as follows: $20,000 in (2) CD’s with maturity dates of 10/31/2022 & 11/10/2022; Closing value of $21,721.92. Cash and sweep balances are $1,658.91.
* The most recent reconciliation, current budget vs. actual reports and profit/loss statements are submitted for ratification.
* Worked the Registration table at Vendor’s Day on April 1, 2022

**Secretary’s Report:** Kevin Whitney, No Report

**Past President’s Report:** Josh Palombo

* Congratulations to the recent retirees, John Reardon and Timothy Fisher. There is seventy plus years of experience between them, best wishes.

**NJWEA Report:** President John Reardon

* Congratulations to Bob and for producing fresh ideas during crazy times.
* Congratulations to the new officers.
* John is retired but will remain active with the Association.
* Congratulations for the great turn out and welcome back from Covid.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health & Safety:** Harry Smith, No Report

**Memberships:** Vacant

**Sick & Welfare:** Rocco Maiellano, No Report

**Nominating & Awards:** Rocco Maiellano, No Report

**Affiliates:** Bill LaPorte

* Vendor’s Day which was recently held on 4/1/22 at the Scottish Rite Ballroom, Collingswood, NJ was a huge success.
* We had a total headcount for lunch of 245 (including 119 attendees + 126 vendors), sold 68 tables, and received a total of 19 “Event Sponsors” for the day.
* Total estimated profit for the day was $6,715.66, to be split 50/50 between the SJWPA and the NJWEA South Section.
* With both Associations, the funds go to our respective Scholarship Committees.
* The Affiliates Committee is looking for volunteers to help with next year’s event, tentatively to take place on 2/3/23 at the Scottish Rite.

**Industrial:** Chris Jepson, No Report

**Legislative Report:** Dennis W. Palmer, No Report

**Program:** Frank Deyhle

* Phillies game tickets, section 147, will be available for purchase in about a week, cost is $40 per ticket.
* We are planning the next meeting for June at the Cape May Zoo.

**Golf Outing:** Brian Southwick, No Report

**Ladies Night:** Josh Palombo, No Report

* Ladies Night will be at the Mansion in the Spring of 2023.

**Scholarship Awards:** Joe Pantalone

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**Operations Challenge:** Timothy Fisher

* We are preparing for out 14th event on May 9th and 10th. This year’s event will be at Harrah’s, and we are excited about our new venue.
* We are looking for support and the following items for the event:
	+ SDR35 pipe
	+ Consumable items, such as gloves, saw blades
	+ Swag items such as cups, shirts, hats and gift cards for Wastewater Quizzo, everyone is invited to play.
* We look forward to the event and hope you will come on out and cheer on the teams.

**Young Professionals:** Emily Zidanic

* YP will once again have their 5k on Tuesday at the conference.
* Wednesday, hosting the Sludge Bowl Karaoke.
* Please volunteer the Student Day. Volunteers will meet college students and show them around the conference.

**Archives:** Kathy Collinge

* Kathy will accept any photographs or documents on behalf of the Association.
* Tom Grenci has been digitizing archives.

**New Business:**

* A moment of silence for Jack Lagrosa, Jack will be sadly missed**.**

**Good of the Membership:**

* New members and incoming Officers were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

**Adjournment / Time:**

Steve Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Kennedy and unanimously approved at 18:33 hours.