**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 MEETING**

**NEW JERSEY WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

**NORTH JERSEY SECTION**

**CALL TO ORDER**: President Christopher Pabst called the meeting to order at the Fiesta at 6:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** John Corkery, Lisa Oberreiter, Brian Bigler, Robert De Block, Victoria Bonaccorso, Jim Wancho, Dan Carey, Kellie Markert, Chris Pabst, Natalie Pisarcik, Glen Riscen, Joseph Bonaccorso, Ann Bonaccorso, Victoria De Block, James De Block, Rick Stafford, Maria Hedbeck, Ian Doelzing, Rob Watkins, Sean Sauder, Vinnie Cautero, Greg Cardena, Debbie Cardena, Greg Burde, Luis Gotay, Vijesh Karett, Stacey Felts-Bock, Catherine Pabst, Denis Rehse.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS:**

James De Block

Joseph Bonaccorso

Brian Bigler

Robert De Block

Francis Bonaccorso

John Corkery

**STATE OFFICERS:**

James De Block – Executive Director

Francis Bonaccorso –President Elect

Jim Wancho – WEF Delegate

Debbie Cardena – Registrar

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: President Pabst noted that the minutes for the April 13, 2022 meeting were distributed asked if anyone had any corrections or comments. Motion was then made by Joseph Bonaccorso to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Greg Burde.

No Discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NORTH JERSEY SECTION EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President’s Report:** Christopher Pabst; I would like to start today by again thanking Past President John Corkery for his leadership during the past two years. John stepped up to the plate and became the leader we needed to get us through a very unprecedented two years. Congratulations on all of your successes John and I look forward to working with you as we are all aware, our work for the Association continues forever. Thank you John.

I didn’t know what I wanted to say tonight, but then it dawned on me that some of you may not know that much about me. Don’t worry, I won’t get into my life story but I will give you some basics. I am currently the Projects Department Manager at the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties. I am an operator by trade who holds an S3 license. And of course, I served in the Marine Corps from 2001 – 2007. Usually, I am a man of few words, and as I’m sure you have noticed, those words almost always need to be written down. I am not a public speaker. I mention this to help set expectations. I came up in the Association trying my best to stay in the shadows and work behind the scenes and let me tell you, there is a lot of work going on back there. Myself and the rest of your Executive Committee has taken to trying to stream line the process with which our events are coordinated and executed so as to make everyone’s lives easier in the future. We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to do the one thing I prioritize most in this Association, and that is to have fun.

That brings me to this random quote. I’m curious if anyone will know where it’s from. “If you do too much, people get dependent on you. And if you do nothing, they lose hope… when you do things right, people won’t be sure you’ve done anything at all.

**Vice President’s Report**: Lisa Oberreiter; No Report.

**Secretary’s Report:** Humbertt Mortola; No Report.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Glen Riscen; No Report.

**SECTION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards Committee:** Chairman Robert De Block; The NJWEA North Section Awards Committee will be meeting virtually in the month of October for the purpose of preparing nominations for the Outhouse and Supporting Benefactor Award for presentation at the 2023 Frank S. Miller Dinner Dance and Awards Night.

Any member who would like to forward names for consideration by the Awards Committee can email recommendations to [RDeBlock@DeBlock.org](mailto:RDeBlock@DeBlock.org)

The State Awards Committee is currently soliciting nominations for 2023 NJWEA and WEF Awards. The Nominations Deadline is October15, 2022. Rocco Maiellano is the committee chair and the information for nominations are available on the website.

**Education & Meetings Committee:** Sean Sauder: Thank you to Denis Rehse and Pumping Services for their presentation tonight. We have set up GEA for a presentation with a tour of their facility.

**Membership Committee:** Chairman Rob Watkins: Attended a meeting with WEF. They would like new members to stop by the booth to increase engagement at WEFTEC. There is a new membership option available.

**Nominating Committee:** Presented by Francis Bonaccorso on behalf of Frank Pestana:

The NJWEA North Section Nominating Committee was convened electronically on September 3, 2022 for the purpose of preparing nominations for North Section Delegates/Alternates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

The following nominations were unanimously approved by the Committee and are being forwarded for the first reading at the September 14, 2022 North Section Business Meeting.

North Section Delegates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

1 year term commencing at the call to order of the of the NJWEA Governing Council Meeting scheduled for April 2022.

1. Brian Bigler
2. Joseph Bonaccorso
3. Mario Bonaccorso
4. Gregory Burde
5. Frank Pestana
6. Joanne Mancuso
7. Humbertt Mortola
8. Lisa Oberreiter
9. James Wancho
10. Glen L. Riscen

North Section Alternate Delegates to the NJWEA Governing Council.

1 year term commencing at the call to order of the of the NJWEA Governing Council Meeting scheduled for April 2022.

1. Daniel J. Carey
2. Jason Chase
3. William J. Cleary
4. Harry L. Ladisheff
5. Terrence McHugh
6. Natalie Pisarcik
7. Richard Stafford
8. Charles P. Theodora
9. Ramon Vara
10. Steven Wendowski

Motion to accept the report of the 1st reading of delegates and alternates by Greg Burde, seconded by Natalie Pisarcik.

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

**Policy Advisory Committee:** Chairman Steve Wendowski: No Report.

**Scholarship Committee:** Chairman Frank Pestana & Dan Carey: The state organization also has scholarships that are available for students.

**SECTION SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Affiliates Night:** Charles Theodora: I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for there support and help with the past Beefsteak events, especially last year when I fell ill and could not make the event. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. This is a new year and we need your support more than ever. I would like to get back to having 300+ attendees. Please tell all your co-workers and consultants to join us for a night of Fun, Socializing and Great Food.

**Dinner Dance Committee:** Kellie Markert: The Dinner Dance is scheduled for March 4, 2023 at the Fiesta. Contract has been signed. We anticipate having the flyer and registration available within the next month. Event favors have already been purchased.

**Golf Outing Committee:** Rick Stafford: Friday, June 9, 2023 at Beaver Brook Country Club.

**Young Professionals:** Brian Carey: He is in the process of starting the activities of this committee.

**NJWEA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:**

Executive Director/ Deputy Executive Director: Jim De Block: Tech Transfer is scheduled for September 26-29. Registration for table tops and attendees is open. The program put together by Chris Pabst and Joanne Mancuso is fantastic. We are optimistic that we might achieve pre-covid registration levels. All information for registration is on the website.

The luncheon at WEFTEC is scheduled at Mulate’s across from the convention center. It is a great networking opportunity and close to the conference center to not take you away. We are over 50 registrants and we are close to exceeding our highest attendance rates. Thank you to CME for sponsoring the event and keeping the cost reasonable for members.

Mini-workshops will be starting again. The first following the pandemic is scheduled for January. The announcement will be out the last week of September. It will again be held in three locations, North (WP Municipal Building), Central (MCUA) south (Gibson House, Evesham).

On the table is the prospectus for exhibitors and sponsorship opportunities. We have already booked 28 exhibit booths booked for the conference in May. Abstracts will be out withing the next week or two. Mike Hope is putting together another tremendous program. The conference will be at Harrah’s again. All participants were excited about the new opportunities at the new location and we are looking forward to another successful year.

Scholarship program is open and receiving applications to help support students and operators looking to take classes.

Budget meeting at BRSA on January 6, 2023.

Federation Directors: Robert Fischer: No Report

Other State Officers/Committee Members: No Report.

**NJWEA, COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Financial Report: Submitted by Treasurer Glen Riscen**

**BILLS:** Thefollowing bills were presented by Glen Riscen for ratification by the membership**:**

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|  | **Bills For Ratification** |  |
|  | **Detailed** |  |
| **Section Meeting 9/14/2022** |  |  |
| Fiesta | April 2022 Meeting | $2,165.23 |
| Gift Card Purchase | Golf Outing Prizes | $1,000.00 |
| Beaver Brook Country Club | Golf Outing 2022 | $11,108.05 |
| Beaver Brook Country Club | Golf Outing 2023 Down Payment | $500.00 |
| Rick Stafford | Golf Outing Door Prizes | $1,158.53 |
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|  | **Total Expenses** | $15,931.81 |

Motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer’s Report by Francis Bonaccorso, seconded by Jim Wancho.

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

**Treasurer’s Report** presented by Glen Riscen.

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| **For the Period of** | 4/14/22 - 9/13/22 | |
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| Opening Balance |  | $31,573.93 |
| Deposits |  | $29,765.10 |
| Cleared Transactions | | $15,931.81 |
| Cleared Balance |  | $45,407.22 |
| Uncleared Transactions | | $0.00 |
| Closing Balance |  | $45,407.22 |
| Scholarship CD \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*497 |  | $24,141.31 |
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| **Total Assets** |  | $69,548.53 |

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report by Joseph Bonaccorso, seconded by Rick Stafford.

Motion approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

Discussion: None

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Good and Welfare:**  Yesterday was the 93rd birthday of Jack Lagrosa. We would like to never forget and say Happy Birthday.

Connie Lagrosa passed away with her family in July. We extended best wishes from the state and section.

Frank Deyhle has suffered a stroke. He is looking good, but we ask that everyone keeps him in their thoughts.

**Benefactors:**

Rick Stafford - ERS

Robert De Block & James De Block– De Block Environmental

Greg Burde – TC Tech

Denis Rehse and John Corkery- Pumping Services

Joseph Bonaccorso – CME

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Natalie Pisarcik at 7:38 pm and seconded by Lisa Oberreiter and approved unanimously.