MINUTES

CENTRAL SECTION MEETING 6/8/2016

Yesterday’s

**1. Call to Order – 12:19**

President –Nicole Joy

**2. Roll Call Executive Committee:**

Nicole Joy President \_**X**\_\_\_present\_\_\_\_absent

Carrie Anne Lyons Vice President \_**X**\_\_\_present\_\_\_\_absent

Emil Nemec Treasurer \_**X**\_\_\_present\_\_\_\_absent

Eric Reichert Secretary \_**X**\_\_\_present\_\_\_\_absent

Jim Lafferty Past President \_**X**\_\_\_present\_\_\_\_absent

TRUSTEES

Jerry Harris (Expires 5/2017) \_\_\_\_\_\_present\_\_**X**\_absent

Mike Roy (Expires 5/2018) \_\_\_\_\_\_present\_\_**X**\_absent

Jill Plesnarski (Expires 5/2019) \_**X\_**\_\_present\_\_\_\_\_absent

**3. Pledge to the Flag:**

**4. Self Introductions:**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Alan Friedrich

Second: Jim Lafferty

Comments & Corrections: NONE

Approved

1. **President's Report:**

Welcome

* Thank you all for attending this meeting and giving me an opportunity to be your President.
* I know we will do great things in the coming years to promote the initiatives of the NJWEA including: improving membership value, increasing public outreach regarding the wastewater profession and continued growth and development of our members including the up and coming young professionals.
* Your active membership, volunteerism and support are the key components in making this organization successful and I look forward to the opportunity to lead the Central Section in these endeavors.
* Please feel free to come to me if there are ideas that you want to contribute to this organization. We are always looking for more support and for future NJWEA leaders.

Section Update

* Accepting Scholar Awards Applications due by August 31, 2016. Rob Noel is accepting applications at his new address:

Rob Noel

Monroe Township Utility Department

143 Union Valley Road

Monroe, NJ 08831

* Seeking qualified candidates that plan to continue his/her post-secondary education in an Associates, or Bachelor’s Degree Program, in Engineering, Environmental Science or other wastewater related environmental studies, such as Biology or Chemistry, etc., or a certificate program in a vocational field, related to the wastewater industry (Ex. Electrical Maintenance, Electronics, Welding, Heavy Equipment Operation/Office, Systems Technology, etc.)
* Planning for the golf outing is underway on September 16, 2016 at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Franklin – need sponsors and golfers to sign up. This event creeps up on us since we have the summer off so please make your entries and sponsorships early if possible. It helps us with planning a successful event.
* The Central Section Awards dinner has been scheduled for January 14, 2017 at the Bridgewater Manor. Please stay tuned for details on that.

State Update

* NJWEA mini workshop series is returning next week (Jill to report)

June 13th in Newton

June 14th in Old Bridge

June 15th in Camden

Topic is root control, trenchless technologies and draining issues and generator optimization – 4 TCH credits so get out there and get this. Registration is available on the website.

* Tech Transfer Seminar will be right after the summer break September 12-15, 2016 at the Sheraton Eatontown.

Upcoming Events

* North Section Golf outing is Friday June 17, 2016 at Water Gap Country Club
* WEFTEC is September 24-28, 2016 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA. Attend the annual WEFTEC luncheon on September 26, 2016 – the registration is online.
* North Section Annual beefsteak dinner and Exhibitors Night will be November 10, 2016 at the Fiesta in Woodridge.

Website

* The NJWEA email has links to update your WEF membership and listing of job opportunities.

Regulatory Updates

* Current regulatory changes that might apply for you.
  + Expiration of permit extension act (June 30, 2016). This applies to wastewater management plans and Land Use permits, etc.
  + Upcoming Wastewater Management Planning and Capacity Assurance rules – Estimated to have new rules by end of summer
  + NPDES MS4 permit pre-draft of rule comment period over, but new draft coming out soon so might want to review that for comments.

Fall Central Section Meetings

* Many have suggested we should try for an alternate meeting location like we have done in the past. We will continue to go to Yesterday’s, but are looking for alternate locations located near a major highway would be ideal.
* Looking for ideas of locations if you know of one that meets our criteria and price point ($25 for a sit down lunch including gratuity) let me know

1. **Vice President's Report:** 
   * Golf Outing – to be held at Bunker Hill, Princeton NJ on Friday,

September 16th, 2016. We plan to change up the food and hold a “Texas Style BBQ”, come a little early and have a little breakfast before check-in, plus there will be a prize raffle and 50/50.

* + Awards Dinner – to be held at Bridgewater Manor, Bridgewater NJ on Saturday, January 14th, 2017. We have secured the location and the same DJ for next year and we have also upgraded the beef to the chateaubriand because there were mixed reviews as to the beef. Other than that all reviews have been positive so we looked forward to next year’s event and stay tuned for more details as we get closer.
  + The section plans to offer more opportunities to obtain TCH’s so if there are any ideas on topics or volunteers to offer up there speaking abilities please contact myself, Nicole, Emil or Eric.

1. **Treasurer's Report:**

**Checking:** $ 23,974.85

**Wells Fargo:** $ 9,264.87

**Total:** $33,339.72

Motion: Alan Friedrich

Second: John Gardner

Comments and Corrections: NONE**.**

1. **NJWEA State Report :** NO REPORT

**10. Committee Reports:**

**Alan Friedrich -** Good & Welfare

* Sent Fruit Baskets to Bob Grenci and Norm Townsend

**Clark Wolverton –** Membership (& Mailings)

**Roseann Pettrow-** Awards dinner - ABSENT

**Jen Loudon -** Special Activities- ABSENT

**Roger Parkhurst**  **–** Golf Outing - ABSENT

**Robert Noel -** Education & Seminars Programs

* Always looking for speakers

**Jeff Williams –** Manual of Practice - ABSENT

**Eric Reichert –** Webmaster

* Website has been updated

**Henry Penley -** Membership roster - ABSENT

**Rob Noel** - Scholar Awards

* Still accepting Scholarship Applications

**Jen Loudon Young Professionals** - ABSENT

1. **New Business:**

Alan Friedrich – Asked that we consider having the TCH portion of a meeting after lunch. Allan felt that some people do not want or need the TCHs

**12. Lunch:**

**13. SPEAKER –** Denis Rehse, of PSI Process & Equipment presented on Ultraviolet Disinfection.

**14. Door Prizes Donated by:**

* Harper Haines
* Lyons Environmental
* Rapid Pump and Meter
* PSI Process Equipment

**15. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 7, 2016 Yesterday’s Restaurant

**16. Adjournment:**

Motion: **Robert Noel**

Second: **Clark Wolverton**

Time: **1:45 PM**

Lunch Attendees: **Jason Chase**, **Frank Dykas**, **Alan Friedrich**, **John Gardner**, **Nicole Joy**, **Jim Lafferty**, **Carrie-Anne Lyons**, **Rob Noel**, **Jill Plesnarski**, **Denis Rehse**, **Eric Reichert**, **Clark Wolverton**, **Ernie Gillens, George Hoff, Thomas Horn, Al Lunkenheimer, Emil Nemec, Tom Priola, Charlie Winkler, Rafael Rotivo, Sean Paratore**