



RICWA

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The Rhode Island Clean Water Association held a General Business Meeting April 9, 2024. President Peter Connell called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

Board members in attendance: President Peter Connell, Treasurer Nora Lough, Secretary Kim Sandbach, Scott Goodinson, Laura Marcolini, Ben Levesque, Eli Hannon, Michael Digiovangiaco, and Jason Trenholm.

All in attendance reviewed the March 2024 minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Goodinson and seconded by Ms. Lough. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Officers Report

President - Mr. Connell will be commenting throughout.

Vice President – Ms. Burke-Wells was excused from the meeting.

Treasurer – Ms. Lough presented the March budget. Ms. Lough will be moving portions of Account 9571 and Account 7281 into a 12-month CD with 4.5% compounded interest in the next month. A motion to accept the budget was made by Ms. Sandbach and seconded by Mr. Hannon. All members voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Connell made a motion to approve adding an extra \$100.00 from “other expenses” to the four golfers at the NEWEA Spring Conference golf outing on May 20, 2024, and seconded by Ms. Marcolini. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Secretary - Ms. Sandbach will comment throughout

State Director – Ms. Anderson George was excused from the meeting.

Certification Director – Mr. Chapdelaine was excused from the meeting.

Old Business

1. Awards Banquet status – The board extended the voting deadline to April 12, 2024. Ms. Lough will upload the flyer to the website so payment can be made online.
2. Science Fair – A \$100.00 gift card from RICWA was given to a high school senior whose project was centered on PFAS. It was suggested that next year, RICWA present a high school junior with a \$50.00 gift card for the best project.
3. Web Site – Ms. Lough held a committee meeting to discuss changing the list tabs. The tabs “Community Outreach” and “Professional Development” will be added. Ms. Santoro submitted a write-up for the Sponsor Spotlight. Ms. Lough will start training with the web designer Mr. Dilorenzo.
4. Earth Day Clean Up – approximately 40 volunteers have signed up. The vests have been ordered by Mr. Connell and Ms. Lough will be ordering other supplies. Mr. Hannon made a motion to purchase a table banner for \$100.00 with the RICWA logo on it and was seconded by Mr. Trenholm. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Ops Challenge Update – Teams Rising Sludge (RI), Call of Duddie (RI Veolia), and Mass Chaos (MA) attended training day. Operators from New Hampshire also attended. Jason Swain mentioned NEWEA could send 4 teams to WEF this year due to team Rising Sludge D1 placement. He also mentioned that NEWEA would be sending the top 3 or 4 teams (depending on funding) to WEF regardless of the state you represent.
6. Ops Exchange – David Pennetti from East Providence will be traveling to Massachusetts this May.
7. NEWEA Spring Conference – As of right now, approximately 40 runners are registered for the Run for Clean Water 5K. Volunteers are in need for the event on Sunday, May 19, 2024. The Mayor of Newport will be the keynote speaker at the conference.
8. Golf Outing – Mr. Connell has sent out the registration package. Payments can now be made through the RICWA website. United Rentals and Carlsen Systems have donated goodie bags and golf balls. Mr. Connell is also seeking more raffle prize donations.
9. Trade Show – Ms. Santoro held a committee meeting to discuss set up and food options. She will be holding another meeting in the next month or two to finalize options.
10. Training – Mr. Digiovangiacomo will be searching for future dates and places to hold training classes.

New Business

1. Scholarship – Ms. Sandbach will send a reminder email to the membership and Ms. Lough will update the website.
2. Golf League – Ms. Burke-Wells wrote an email to the membership noting that the league is moving to Wednesday nights at the West Warwick Country Club. April 17 and 24 will be practice rounds.

Open Forum

1. Mr. Connell made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 pm and was seconded by Mr. Hannon.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sandbach
Secretary