



## RICWA

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The Rhode Island Clean Water Association held a General Business Meeting October 10, 2023. President Peter Connell called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

Board members in attendance: President Peter Connell, Vice President Jeff Chapdelaine, Treasurer Nora Lough, Secretary Kim Sandbach, Paul Desrosiers, Eli Hannon, David Perrotta, Ryan Desrosiers, Kevin Regan, and Janine Burke-Wells.

Also in attendance was Amy Anderson George.

All in attendance reviewed the September 2023 minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Desrosiers and seconded by Mr. Chapdelaine. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Officers Report**

**President** - Mr. Connell will be commenting throughout.

**Vice President** – Mr. Chapdelaine will comment throughout.

**Treasurer** – Ms. Lough presented the September budget. A motion to accept the budget was made by Mr. Chapdelaine and seconded by Ms. Burke-Wells. All members voted in favor of the motion.

**Secretary** - Ms. Sandbach will comment throughout

**State Director** - Mr. Davies was excused from the meeting.

**Certification Director** – Mr. Desrosiers stated that the Board of Certification has given any active military members reciprocity.

### **Old Business**

1. Ops Challenge – Mr. Davies sent a memo to all the vendors who supported the team during this Ops Challenge season. He also thanks the board for their support as well.
2. Ops Exchange TCH's – Mr. Puglia from the DEM sent a form letter to Mr. Chapdelaine to apply for TCH's for operators who attend the RICWA Trade show. Mr. Chapdelaine will submit the form requesting 2 hours for operators attending the trade show and 12 hours for operators who participate in the operator exchange.
3. Holiday Party – Mr. Hannon is waiting to hear from Potowomut Country Club about the menu options and prices. Mr. Chapdelaine made a motion to set the guest price for the party at \$40.00. It was seconded by Ms. Lough. All members voted in favor. Ms. Sandbach will send out a flyer to the membership.
4. Website – Ms. Lough will hold a website committee meeting to discuss changes to the website. She asks to let her know if anyone has suggestions going forward.
5. Elections – All board members should let Mr. Goodinson on their intent to run for position. Mr. Chapdelaine and Ms. Burke-Wells have expressed interest in being named the Board of

Certification Designee for RICWA. Ms. Burke-Wells withdrew her name at this meeting. Mr. Ragen made a motion to submit Mr. Chapdelaine for the position and seconded by Mr. Hannon. All members voted in favor. Mr. Connell will submit MR. Chapdelaine to Ms. Pena at the DEM. The governor of RI will make the final approval.

### **New Business**

1. NEIWPCC training– Mr. Desrosiers has been in touch with Ms. Chesebrough from NEIWPCC about the collection systems 2 day training class. It will take place in December at the Narragansett Bay Commission Field’s Point Education Room.
2. Mr. Chapdelaine asked the board to approve funds to but a cornhole carrying case. The motion was made by Ms. Lough and seconded by Mr. Regan. All members voted in favor.

### **Open Forum**

1. Ms. Lough made a motion to adjourn at 6:23 pm and was seconded by Ms. Ms. Burke-Wells.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Sandbach  
Secretary