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The Rhode Island Clean Water Association held a General Business Meeting June, 11 2024. President Peter Connell called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

Board members in attendance: President Peter Connell, Vice President Janine Burke-Wells, Treasurer Nora Lough, Secretary Kim Sandbach, Laura Marcolini, Ben Levesque, Eli Hannon, Michael Digiovangiacomo, Jeff Chapdelaine, and Amy Anderson.

All in attendance reviewed the May 2024 minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Burke-Wells and seconded by Ms. Marcolini. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Officers Report

President - Mr. Connell will be commenting throughout.

Vice President – Ms. Burke-Wells will comment throughout.

Treasurer – Ms. Lough presented the May budget. Ms. Lough opened a 13 month CD with \$13,000 which matures June 13, 2025. Ms. Lough created reimbursement forms to be filled out pre and post travel with all receipts to be approved by the treasurer for transparency. Use of the forms will begin immediately. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Ms. Sandbach and seconded by Mr. Connell. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Secretary - Ms. Sandbach will comment throughout.

State Director – Ms. Anderson George will comment throughout.

Certification Director – Mr. Chapdelaine shared the operator exam results from May and the passing percentages were low. Ms. Traci Pena from RI DEM has accepted a new position at the DEM's Law Enforcement Division. The Woonsocket plant will start phasing out acceptance of liquid sludge.

Old Business

1. Scholarship – The board voted, and six recipients were chosen to receive \$500.00 academic scholarships. Mr. Hannon made the motion to accept the six chosen winners and was seconded by Mr. Trenholm. All members voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Marcolini will inform the winners by letter and invite them to the chowder cook off to accept the scholarship.
2. Golf Outing – Mr. Connell reported that two platinum and four silver sponsors have signed up for the outing. The air cannon will charge \$20.00 a person to shoot and will cost \$375.00 to operate. RICWA will then split the profits 50/50. Raffles sheets will be sold for \$10.00 a sheet.
3. Ops Challenge – Results from the NEWEA Spring meeting have Rhode Island's Rising Sludge winning first place in all five categories and overall First Place. Fundraising for WEFTEC will begin next week.

4. Training – Mr. Connell will have Mr. Paul Desrosiers contact John Eisler from Clarifiers Inc to host a training class. Trojan UV contacted Mr. Digiovangiacomo about a 3–4-hour PowerPoint training. Mr. Digiovangiacomo will also contact representatives from Fournier, Penn Valley Pump, and Vogelsang about classes. He also wrote a letter that will be emailed to the superintendents about operator’s interest in training topics.
5. Trade Show – Ms. Santoro held a committee meeting in which it was discussed raising the ticket prices to \$40.00. Mr. Chapdelaine made a motion to accept the new ticket price and Ms. Anderson seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Chapdealine made another motion to create a \$200.00 sponsorship that would include one lunch ticket. Ms. Burke-Wells seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.
6. NEWEA Spring Conference – The spring conference was a huge success with a large turnout. Pictures from the conference will be posted on the website.

New business

1. Mr. Goodinson will confirm the date and location of the chowder cook off with the help from the Jamestown WWTF
2. Ms. Sandbach will be sending out the email for membership renewals.
3. Mr. Chapdelaine made a motion to confirm the holiday be held at Potowomut Country Club on December 6, 2024. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Open Forum

1. Mr. Connell made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm and was seconded by Mr. Chapdelaine.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sandbach
Secretary