Waste Water Nova Scotia Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 10, 2016

Best Western Glengarry, Truro

A meeting of the WWNS Board of Directors was held on March 10, 2016 at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. In attendance were Steve Williams, Steve Meuse, Jonathan Lepper, Darrell MacKenzie, Tom Curry, and Gary Cameron. Leah Boutilier represented NSE. Regrets were received from Andre Veinotte, Eric Morse, Gary Hines and Alan Baird.

Steve Williams, Chair, called the meeting at 10 am.

Approval of December 15, 2015 Minutes

Moved by Tom, seconded by Darrell that minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

Approval of Financial Statements

Financials were presented by Gary C. Moved by Tom, seconded by Jonathan that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Business

New Septic Pumper / Portable Restroom Operator training material requires some pictures & video edits but should be ready for Pumper Expo.

Leah advised that certification fees should be approved in time for the AGM. There was also a discussion on clarification of the term direct supervision.

The Board acknowledged that a complaint submitted to ENS this past October seems to be going nowhere.

WWNS has received a second request to develop an RFP for QP/Installer training. Work on an RFP to be continued over the summer.

A letter submitted to WWNS outlining concerns surrounding the QPII program was discussed by the Board. The Board will send a written response prior to the AGM.

Board requested NSE examine possibilities for developing selection tables for Sloping Sand Filters.

A draft revision of the MOU was presented by Leah.

Gary C and Leah gave an overview of their attendance at the OOWA conference and outlined the differences between Ontario & Nova Scotia programs.

Gary C advised WWNS would be staffing a booth at the Home Show on April 1st to 3rd.

WWNS had received two requests for funding and granted one request to a project which is providing public education about sewage treatment concerns.

Gary C advised that the Agridome repairs were almost complete and that the Septic Pumping Expo and AGM planning were moving forward.

The Board agreed that a video should be created this year to highlight changes which have occurred since the previous videos were created. Also, a member had put forward a suggestion that a video be created on the installation of a pit privy.

Gary C gave an overview of the Regional Meetings held across the province in January & February.

Regional issues raised included:

- ongoing issues with wipes clogging filters, etc.
- the questionable quality and strength of new risers & lids being used by some tank manufacturers

Adjournment
Gary Cameron
Recording Secretary