

Waste Water Nova Scotia Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, Dec 01, 2017
Best Western Glengarry, Truro

A meeting of the WWNS Board of Directors was held on December 01, 2017 at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. In attendance were Steve Williams, Darrell MacKenzie, Jonathan Lepper, Lester Berrigan, Emery Peters, Eric Morse, Tom Curry, Mark Jodrey and Gary Cameron. Attending from NSE were Paul Currie and Stefan Furey. Regrets were received from Steve Meuse.

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

Approval of July 28, 2017 Minutes

Moved by Jonathan, seconded by Lester that minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

Approval of Financial Statements

Financials were presented by Gary C. Moved by Tom, seconded by Emery that financials be approved as presented. Motion carried. Note to be included at AGM indicating NSE grant for 2016 received in 2017.

Two of the three available bursaries were awarded this year to Liam Kell and Ryan Harris. Gary to contact school boards to have bursaries included on lists of bursaries available to graduates.

WWNS Facebook page has been established but need some modifications. Stefan advised he has some expertise in this area.

Tom C will investigate cost of WWNS placing add/public education on Viewpoint website.

A sponsorship request form has been established. The word “charity” to be replaced by “group name”. Repeat applications will be acceptable. Process to be announced at AGM.

Paul Currie advised that internal clarification has been provided to NSE Inspectors to place responsibility on the proper individual (generally homeowner) to ensure malfunction replacements are completed in the allotted time.

Paul Currie advised clarity needed in the regulation requiring 24 hour notice to ensure Installers have permission before beginning construction.

The Board recognized the value in mentorship by adding credit for mentorship to the Professional Development Program. 1 pdp point per hour of mentorship to be awarded up to a total of 20 points per cycle. Documentation would be needed to be provided. To be added to the handout for the PDP Program.

Board received a letter from Earl Morgan asking for education be provided to members regarding repair or replacement of peat cells in on-site systems – in particular the old Shaw systems.

Tom Baker of Arthur J Gallagher advised persons doing on-site inspections for real estate transfers may require additional insurance coverage.

Steve W advised that some NSE offices may not be requiring the necessary documentation from QP's and P.Eng's to properly support subdivision application. Paul C advised a form is available which can be included with an application.

Clarification was provided on Section 73 of the Standard that under Notification, if a P.Eng must design a replacement system that cannot meet all clearance distances, then the design flow must not exceed the existing requirements of the property (minimum 500 litres). If the design flow being proposed exceeds the current requirements of the property (example 1000 litres for one bedroom house) and cannot meet all clearance distances, then an application must be made for Approval.

NSE considering options to develop a companion document for the Standard with best practice information from the Guidelines.

On-site Services Advisory Board is being dissolved.

Board passed a motion to cancel Regional meetings for 2018 and award Installers/QP the associated 15 pdp points.

Regional Updates

Report there has been trouble contacting Sydney office of NSE by phone (no answer).

Issue with inlet baffles plugging (possible Cashmere or Costco toilet paper issue).

Under Notification, Repair is no longer an option and should be added to the form.

Effects of Chemo drugs on a system suggested as a topic for AGM.

Notification must be issued prior to submitting 24 hour notice.

Lift pump requirements discussed for homes near water courses.

Adjournment

Gary Cameron
Recording Secretary