

Waste Water Nova Scotia Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 25, 2016
Best Western Glengarry, Truro

A meeting of the WWNS Board of Directors was held on November 25, 2016 at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. In attendance were Steve Williams, Gary Hines, Jonathan Lepper, Darrell MacKenzie, Lester Berrigan, Eric Morse, Steve Meuse, Tom Curry and Gary Cameron. Leah Boutilier and Paul Currie represented NSE. Regrets were received from Alan Baird.

Steve Williams, Chair, called the meeting at 9 am.

Approval of July 22, 2016 Minutes

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

Approval of Financial Statements

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

Business

It was noted that a complaint to Engineers NS was resolved as reported in ENS newsletter.

A discussion was held regarding article in ENS outlining continuing review of Qualified Person designation by ENS. Update to be provided to members at Regional meetings.

Correspondence from ANSLs outlining concern over QP/P.Eng work was discussed. Gary C to contact ANSLs to see if they are interested in participating in Regional Meetings to reinforce concerns over system location & boundaries.

Larry Deveau joined the Board meeting to voice his concerns in respect to the Qualified Persons designation.

Response to concerns voiced to NSE regarding responsibility of QP/P.Eng and 24 hour notice were discussed. Suggested that notification receipt include notice that Installer is to provide sufficient notice to Receipt Holder prior to beginning installation.

Further discussion was held on development of selection tables for sloping sand filters. Leah advised NSE would develop tables; beginning with identifying parameters for tables.

MOU discussed. Paul Currie outlined challenges for NSE for funding as a result of changes to certification fees. Gary C to redraft budget request outlining value of services provided by WWNS in exchange for funding.

WWNS received a number of complaints concerning the lack of ethics/professionalism demonstrated by presenters at recent QPI training organized by Dalhousie and Engineers NS.

Newly developed Septic Pumper training has been approved by NSE. It was recognized that a reduced level of continuing education is required for Cleaners and as a result required Professional Development Points have been reduced from 100 over 4 years to 50.

Concerns raised over plastic risers and filter maintenance were discussed. Discussion to continue at Regional Meetings.

Discussion of content for upcoming Regional meetings.

Regional issues raised included:

- Rubber chips being distributed by Halifax C&D to a number of WWNS members
- Floods in Cape Breton caused issues for a number of onsite septic systems. The need for development of an emergency fact sheet was discussed.
- Notification being received well

Adjournment

Gary Cameron
Recording Secretary