

50th Annual WWOA Business Meeting

La Crosse, WI

President L. Lutz called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the La Crosse Center, La Cross, WI. Roll call was taken, all Officers and Directors were present except for Kris August. Approximately 240 members were present for the meeting.

President Lutz asked if there were any changes and/or additions to the agenda. None given. Kevin Freber made a motion to approve the agenda put forth. Seconded by Wade Peterson, motion carried.

President L. Lutz asked for a moment of silence for all the members who had passed away in the past year.

President Lutz recognized the two officers from the Minnesota Wastewater Operator Association, Al Parrella, President and Jim Miller, Executive Secretary.

Minutes of October 8, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them was made by Kevin Freber and seconded by Wade Peterson, motioned carried.

Executive Secretary, K. Harter, distributed copies of the financial report. Ms. Harter reported the revenues for this fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 were \$197,250.48. Expenditures totaled \$169,438.14, with a net of \$27,812.34. Randy Herwig made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented, Dale Neis seconded. Motion carried.

NOMINATION-ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS

Chairperson, Kelly Zimmer placed into nomination the name of Jeff Simpson for the office of Vice President. President Lutz called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none Randy Herwig made a motion that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast electing Jeff Simpson to the Vice President position. Dave Wierzba seconded. Motion carried.

President Lutz informed the membership that there were two – two-year term directorships open along with 2 – one-year terms. President Lutz placed into nomination three names for the office of director. These were Don Lintner, Jim Johnson, Rick Mealy, and Jeremy Cramer. President called three times for nominations from the floor. There being none, motion to close the nominations was put forth by Randy Herwig. Seconded by Wade Peterson. Motion carried. Each of the nominees spoke. President Lutz advised the membership to vote for two people. The two highest vote getters will fill the two-year terms, the other two will fill the one-year terms. Past President Kelly Zimmer will head the vote count.

While the vote counting committee were out of the room counting votes, President Lutz called for the committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operators Competition – Jeff Bratz thanked the John Bond for running this year’s Operators’ Competition. John Bond recognized all the suppliers and thanked them for their help and supplies. He also recognized all the judges and ask for a round of applause for their hard work and making it a great competition.

John Bond announced the teams and winner of the Operators Competition.

Teams were:

Team #1 NWTC – The Tardigrade Terrors
Justin, Meyer, Brandi Saylor, Mylan Gardner

Team #2 LMD – New Turds on the Pot
Bobby Zepnik, Jake Kehring, Corey Evers

Team #3 NCD – Grundfos
Alex Smudde, Derek Budsberg, Adam Clark

Team #4 SER – Dookie Butter Bros
Bob Biedrzycki, Jessie Medro, Nate Steffen

Team #5 UW – Stevens Point
Garrett Schaetz, Jacob Tanner, Simon Stevenoski

Winners were: First Place – New Turds on the Pot (LMD)
Second Place – Grundfos (NCR)
Third Place – Dookie Butter Bros (SER)

Golf Outing – Randy Herwig thanked all the sponsors for this year’s golf outing and said everyone had a great time. There were 88 golfers. He reported that all the golfers got a special 50th WWOA Anniversary towel and that there would be no towels next year. Everyone laughed.

Bike Ride – Tom Crouse advised that it was a beautiful day for a bike ride. They rode out to Trempealeau and back. That was 20 miles out and 20 miles back for a 40-mile round trip. The riders received a goody bag for doing the ride. T. Crouse asked if anyone was willing to help with the 2017 bike ride to contact either himself or Karen Harter.

Sporting Clays – Jim Thalke reported thank the participants at Tuesday’s Sporting Clays. J. Thalke thanked all the sponsors. They gave away three guns at this year’s sporting clays. After the shoot, everyone enjoyed steaks for lunch. Thalke advised that all the winners would be announced in the next Clarifier magazine.

Promotions – Jim Johnson announced that there was a credit card left at the promotion table. If anyone is missing their credit card, please see Jim.

BALLOT RETURNS

Kelly Zimmer and ballot committee returned to the meeting with the results of the Board of Directors vote. The two two-year terms went to Don Lintner and Rick Mealy. The two one-year terms went to Jim Johnson and Jeremy Cramer.

Motion to destroy the ballots was made by Randy Herwig and second by Dale Neis. Motion carried.

President Lutz called for any old business to be discussed. As there was none, he called for any new business to be discussed. No new business was put forth.

Before closing the meeting, President Lutz advised there were 829 attendee registrations for the 2016 conference. He also called for the prize drawing of the Exhibitors TV. TV winner for 2016 was Bart Lehman from the Village of Edgar.

President Lutz thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to next year's conference which would be held at the Madison Marriott West Hotel and Conference Center in Middleton, WI.

Before closing the business meeting, Pete Albers asked for all of us to sing Happy Birthday to Leo Templeton who was turning 95.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Randy Herwig made a motion to adjourn. Second by Jeff Simpson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:10p.m. on October 13, 2016.

Minutes submitted by Karen R. Harter, Executive Secretary.