



## PROUD HOST OF THE 2008 STOCKHOLM JUNIOR WATER PRIZE CONTEST

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### Board of Directors Meeting September 12, 2007

WDW Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, Florida

### MINUTES

The regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Florida Water Environment Association met at Disney Coronado Springs, Orlando, Florida. Officers in attendance were: Kart Vaith, Tom Helgeson, Howard Wegis, John Gianchino, Tom Lothrop, Ken Rearden, Nabil Muhaisen, Mike Cliburn, Brandon Selle, and participating by phone Fred Rapach, Pam Holcomb and Bill Heller. Holly Hanson, Executive Manager acted as reporting secretary.

I. **Call to Order:** Vice-President Wegis called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

II. **Roll Call:** Howard Wegis called the roll. A quorum was present.

III. **Minutes:** Minutes of the June 15, 2007 meeting were reviewed. **Tom Lothrop noted a few changes, than made a motion to accept with revisions. John Giachino seconded and motion carried.**

IV. **Financial Report:** Pam Holcomb reported that several meetings have taken place with the new bookkeeper, Jan Peters, and that transition has been made. Holly will work with Jan to establish Line Item numbers for the Utility Council. A financial report was not presented. Discussion took place about making current signature cards on several accounts.

TT 2004 and 2005 FWEA taxes have been prepared by Meeks and Ross, CPAs and have been mailed. The 2006-2007 taxes are being prepared and should be ready by October 1, 2007.

Fred Rapach reported the Finance and Audit Committee met and have developed a Committee Structure and Primary Activities.

V. **WEF Directors Report:** Tom Helgeson said there has been changes in the House of Delegates and that they recently have been soliciting from Florida for various committee positions. WEF is also seeking a Local Liaison for when WECTEC 2009 comes to Orlando. Mike Cliburn suggested Tom Lothrop, who served in that capacity several years ago. Tom will contact Phyllis Ross for more details and report back to the board.

This was Mike Cliburn's last board meeting; Ken Rearden will replace him as the new incoming WEF Director.

**VI. Director's Update.**

- A. Kart wanted to discuss and define the duties of each Director at Large. Due to time limits the Board agreed to meet at a later date. Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the CDM office is the planned date.
- B. **Nabil Muhaisen – Mutual Organizations:**  
Nabil reported that the watershed journal would soon be in publication.

**VII. Utility Council Report:**

The Utility Council is being proactive in its 2007-08 legislative issues by outlining items and creating a game plan with Hopping Green and Sams to inform legislators in advance of issues. Second notices for 2007 dues were mailed and deposits are coming in. Fred Rapach suggested sending them a letter thanking them for their membership and innumerate the value of their UC membership in anticipation of tax cuts.

**VIII. Operations Council Report:** Funding has been budgeted for the top two operations challenge teams to attend the national competition each year.

**IX. Membership Action Update:** According to WEF our May 2007 membership is at 1,530. We have 22 new, 56 renewals, 109 delinquent and 38 expired.

**X. Executive Manager's Update: Please see attached report.**

- Ability now to post and create CEU certificates.
- Coordinating contract and site specifics for WEFTEC Reception San Diego.
- Coordination of FWRC fall seminar.
- See report for additional items.

**XI. Other Business:**

- Fred Rapach presented student Design Competition concerns. Sub-committee is focusing on ways to emphasize participation, broadens cope and make it more appealing to groups.
- John Giachino gave a brief update on the next Florida Waters Future with a possible meeting/seminar date set for September. He also gave an update on the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Contest stating Tom Helgeson, Christine Miranda and Alyson McCoy will be attending the event in Arizona.

**XII. Adjournment: Tom Lothrop made a motion to adjourn; Nabil Muhaisen seconded, and meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Holly M. Hanson

**MEETING DATES/LOCATIONS:**

| FWEA Board of Directors Future Meeting Dates: |            |             |                     | Utility Council Future Meeting Dates: |            |             |                            |
|---|------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <i>DATE</i>                                   | <i>DAY</i> | <i>TIME</i> | <i>LOCATION</i>     | <i>DATE</i>                           | <i>DAY</i> | <i>TIME</i> | <i>LOCATION</i>            |
| JUL 12  | THU        | 9:00 AM     | CDM West Palm Beach | JUL 20                                | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | Boca Raton                 |
| SEPT 14                                       | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA                 | SEPT 7                                | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA                        |
| NOV 2   | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA – Depends WEF   | OCT 26                                | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA                        |
| DEC 14  | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA                 | DEC 7                                 | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA                        |
| JAN 25, '08                                   | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA                 | FEB 4                                 | MON        | 4:00 PM     | Prior to Tentative DEP Day |
| MAR 7, '08                                    | FRI        | 9:00 AM     | TBA                 |                                       |            |             |                            |