

MINUTES OF THE  
TENNESSEE ONSITE WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 1, 2008

The Tennessee Onsite Wastewater Association (TOWA) met on July 1, 2008, at the Lentz Public Health Center, Nashville, TN. Members present were: Scott Fellwock-President, Tom Petty-Past President, Theo Terry-President Elect, Gregg Clingerman-Secretary, and Brian Corwin-Treasurer, Directors – Allan Rather, Spencer Hissam, Steve Cawthon. Attending the meeting via telephone call in was: Directors – Dr. John Buchanan and Jeff Richey.

1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Scott Fellwock. The agenda for the July 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting was presented.
2. **Minutes** from the May 6, 2008 Board Meeting were presented, after the reading of the minutes Allan Rather made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Steve Cawthon seconded the motion. After full discussion the minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.
3. **Treasurers Report** was presented to the Board by Brian Corwin, Treasurer. The balance as of July 1, 2008 was \$11,098.80. Mr. Corwin reported that he had received a check from Poly-Lok for there payment of the ad that was published in the last newsletter. Also a check in the amount of \$2,070.00 has been sent to NOWRA for this year dues. Gregg Clingerman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, Scott Fellwock seconded the motion. After full discussion the Treasurers Report was approved unanimously by the Board.
4. **Committee Reports**

**Legislation** – A discussion on Ground Water Protection Division proposed regulation to establish an Advanced Treatment System Program for allowing use of biological/mechanical treatment systems for individual homes was discussed. John Buchanan and Tom Petty have been asked by Mr. Alan Schwendimann, Director of Division of Ground Water Protection to attend a meeting at the end of July to discuss the proposed regulation and to see how TOWA can provide training services to implement the regulations. John Buchanan will be providing training services for certification of Trained Service Providers at the training center in late October or early November. John also would like a couple of board members to take the initial training service to become certified trainers so they would then be able to help provide training services to future classes. John also would like for TOWA to consider paying for the cost of this training for the two board members.

**Training Center** – Dr. Buchanan would like to get some working ATU units donated to the center for training purposes. These units would be set up for demonstration purposes only and would be used to training. John would like for a couple of manufactures to donate these units.

5. **Golf Scramble** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TOWA golf scramble was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Legacy Golf Club in Springfield, TN. Scott Fellwock said that 80 golfers participated in the event this year. Mr. Fellwock requested that the board approve the purchase of two \$40 gift certificates so he could present them to two of the employees, of the Legacy Golf Club, who assisted in helping TOWA with the scramble. Tom Petty made a motion to purchase the two \$40 gift certificates and the motion was seconded by Brian Corwin. After full discussion the motion was approved unanimously by the Board. The golf scramble raised \$8,000 for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual TOWA golf scramble will be held on Friday June 5, 2009.

6. **NOWRA Membership** – Scott Fellwock sent NOWRA a letter concerning the increase in dues as was discussed in the last Board meeting. Along with the letter a check for \$2,070 was for TOWA's 2008 dues. As of this date no response from NOWRA has been received and the check for the dues has not been cashed. NOWRA is having a State Leaders meeting in Memphis in August; Mr. Theo Terry agreed to represent TOWA at this meeting.

7. **Newsletter Cost Analysis** – Brian Corwin said that he has received a check form Poly-Lok for the ad that was placed in the last newsletter. It was agreed that TOWA will publish another newsletter this year. The newsletter will be sent out in late September or early October. To meet this publishing deadline all articles and advertisements need to be submitted to Gregg Clingerman by August 18<sup>th</sup>.

8. **New Business** – Mr. Theo Terry questioned why the charge for renting the UAW Hall for our annual conference was higher this year than in 2007. It was explained that the cost for 2008 was for a two day event while the cost for renting the hall in 2007 was for a one day event. The 2009 conference is looking at being held in March 2009. A discussion on the dues schedule was held to see if the rates needed to be changed to cover the cost for providing membership in NOWRA. A motion was made by Tom Petty to raise the membership rates to the following;

\$50 for Regulators, Academia's, and Associate Members

\$75 for All other Members

The motion was seconded by Brian Corwin. During discussions Theo Terry recommended charging \$100 for all people attending the conference no matter what category they fell under and this fee would include membership and conference attendance. There was concern that these costs would prohibit attendance from State personnel which we are trying to get more participation from. Tom Petty amended his motion to charge \$50 for anybody wanting to

attend the conference but does not want to become a member of TOWA and the cost for membership and attending the conference would be as follows:

\$75 for Regulators, Academia's, and Associate Members

\$100 for All other Members

After full discussion the original motion and amended motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The next Board meeting is September 2, 2008 at the Lentz Public Health Center. A motion was made to adjourn by Tom Petty and seconded by Steve Cawthon.