

IWPCA Collection System Committee Meeting November 29, 2007 Minutes

The IWPCA Collection System Committee met at the Marshalltown, Iowa Best Western Conference Center on November 29, 2007. The attendees included: Adam Smith, Bryant Welch, Lavern Coles, Joe Thelen, Ken Goehring, Roxann Slater, Steve Simons, Terry McArthur, Paul Druivenga, Mark McGuire. The meeting began at 9:05 AM.

The first topic of discussion was the Specialty Conference Program. Paul Druivenga presented a copy of the final draft of the program and thanked the committee members for their timely assistance and communicating with speakers and getting their biographical information. The Vendor form and the Biographical information forms are available on the website and the Program will be made available on the website before Christmas. The conference will be held at the Best Western in Marshalltown, Iowa on March 6-7, 2008.

Glen Petersen could not be present but had reported that 250 of 272 individuals (92%) had renewed their Collection System Certification. Their will be another renewal in June of 2008 so that the Collection System Certification Program will be on the same renewal period as the Operator Renewal Program with the State.

Discussion was held concerning the IWPCA annual Conference topics and speakers. A list of topics and potential speakers were identified. Due to the annual conference being located in Council Bluffs, Iowa it was suggested that Omaha give a three part presentation on their Combined Sewer Overflow Construction Program. This would include a presentation from the city personnel, and from the engineering group and then from the public relations department. Various Committee members were assigned to confirm speakers and topics and report their confirmation.

The questionnaire that was sent to all Collection System Certified Operators revealed overwhelming support for the State Mandated Collection System Certification Program. State Mandated Certification is the current DNR 5 year plan. The need for a person or persons to drive this process from a political stand point has been indentified. Lavern Coles indicated that there maybe some synergy with the Iowa Rural Water Association based upon their current focus.

Steve Simons and Paul Druivenga indicated that there has been some difficulty getting information posted to the website in a timely manner. Steve expressed the need for new collection system related articles to be posted to the website. Several individuals volunteered to make articles available for publication. Mark McGuire will prepare a Conference Report on the 2007 Specialty Conference and make a list of the Golden Manhole Recipients.

A request was made to allow the Lab Practices committee to hold a program during the same time frame as the Collection System Specialty Conference at the Best Western in Marshalltown. The Committee agreed to work with the Lab Practices Committee in this regard. The Lab Practices committee chair has been contacted but there has been no response regarding their interest in pursuing this idea.

Paul Druivenga reported that he had been in contact with various groups and individuals responsible for presenting the 2004 Jet Truck Operator Training Program. He has received copies of all the information that was presented. The 2004 Jet Truck Operator Training conference

provided an exam and a certification. The individual responsible for issuing in the certificates is no longer available. It was suggested that we invite Tom McDonald from Ames, Iowa to join us at our next meeting. And try to have Steve Tilson, a jet truck operator trainer from Ohio conference call into our next meeting as well.

Paul Druivenga proposed that the Golden Manhole Award recipients be given the authority to govern themselves, to select and award/invite their membership. As this constitutes a fundamental change in the current program operation, it was decided that all current members be invited to attend a breakfast session at the Best Western in Marshalltown, Iowa prior to Friday's presentations for the purpose of discussing the future of the Golden Manhole Award.

The next meeting will be held January 24, 2008 at the Best Western in Marshalltown, Iowa at 10 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48. Lunch was held at the Junction Café in the Best Western.