

**Northcoast Section  
CWEA Minutes of December 13, 2007 Meeting  
Eureka Treatment Plant**

Patrick Sullivan, President, called the meeting to order at 15:37.

Members present: Greg Orsini, Mike Fritschi, Clay Yerby, Jeff Underwood, Jerry Sneed, Jeremy Dempsey, Lena Cox, Mike Freeman and Tom Marking

Minutes of the November meeting were read. Greg made a motion to accept with Mike Fritschi second and passed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 9-31-07

Checking	\$6,109.48
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$3,740.09</u>
Total =	\$9,849.57

No billing yet from Russ Brown and OH's for mini-conference.

Correspondence: No correspondence was reported.

Old Business:

- **Mini Conference:** Russ Brown has attendance list. Mickey set up OH'S and Bruce scheduled Russ Brown. Call them for more information if needed. About 45 persons attended? Call Russ for list and certificates. Mike Fritschi would like a list of people who attended the conference.

- **Newsletter:** Mike Freeman received several compliments on the format and write up. The next newsletter will be published the first quarter of 2008.

- **Installation and Awards Dinner:** Patrick needs address for Eric Zielke and CWEA President Maura Bonnarens to send thank you letters.

Marua's address is:

East Bay Municipal Utility District  
P.O. Box 24055, MS 59  
Oakland, CA 94623

New Business: Mike Fritschi asked for topics for a wintertime mini-conference to get more contractors involved. This has been discussed last year and to be scheduled in February of 2008. Shoring, confined space, lockout/tagout and chlorine safety were all discussed. This will be discussed at the January meeting with dates to be decided up. This will be placed in the January newsletter when a decision is made.

Patrick S. has signed the *Memorandum of Understanding* and will send this back to the State.

Sewer Science: Clay: He met with the science staff at Eureka High and one instructor is very interested in the concept. He will make a report in January of the materials list and cost that will be needed to present this program to the school. Mike Fritschi will check

with McKinleyville High if they are interested. Clay will talk further with Kathy Sutter about how to present the program.

Mike Fritschi discussed setting up an "Exchange" database, where local agencies can advertise or look for used equipment in the area. The website was suggested but Clay recommended we talk to the State folks if that would be OK. Mike F. will start to contact agencies for a potential list and this can be brought up on the newsletter for interest.

Mike F. (program chair) is looking for ideas or topics of interest from the group and the membership. Only a few ideas have come back. He would like to see our CWEA section provide training for certification this spring. It was suggested he call the State Certification Board and see how many applications are on file for testing. Distribution, Collection and Operators all have a need for a program like this. Mike will report back in January with his findings.

Jeff gave a brief TCP report.

Lena reported on the Northern Regional Safety Training Committee. The 2008 session will be in Sparks and back to Redding in 2009.

We need to get a membership list to the State. We will leave the bankcard signatures as they are for this year due to the difficulty in getting new signature cards.

The next meeting is scheduled at the Eureka Wastewater Treatment Plant on **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 1530.**

Adjourn at 16:40