

**MOWPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
10 April 2023**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Andy Lazur, UMD  
Eddie Harrison, BAT Onsite LLC  
Ryan Nagi, SPEK Home Inspections  
Gene Von Gunten  
Doug Dufour, Earl E. Preston Jr., Inc.  
Rob Sell, McCrone, Inc.  
Bob Johnson, Atlantic Solutions

**Board Members Absent:**

Amy Hart, Howard County  
Brad Rice, Atlantic Pumping

*Absences are notated as "Excused" if Board Member notified AA or other Board Members of intent to miss prior to start of meeting*

**Others in Attendance:**

Rachel Flatley, MOWPA Administrative Coordinator  
Rob Powell, MOWPA  
Tim Shotzberger, HomeLand  
Rob Powell, Member

**Call to order:** 1:00 p.m. by Ryan Nagi

**Review of Agenda:** The agenda was submitted and a motion was made to accept the agenda. Vote took place and approved.

**Review of March 2023 Minutes:** Board Members voted and approved the minutes.

**Election:** N/A

**Discussion Topics and Action Items:**

**Treasurer's Report: (See Treasurer Report Attachment)**

**Treasurer Report:**

**Education Committee Report**

- Soils Class – A Soil class will be held on 5/4-5 in Berlin MD for MD Board of Environmentalists.
- Inspection Course:
- O&M- A second O&M Class will be held in June. Andy is going to contact Amy to get HoCo Utilities date and Rachel to figure out registration.
- Education Meeting Recap:
- Advanced Design Course: N/A
- Homeowner Course 101:

### Legislative Report

- Deltech- Is not cooperating with MOWPA to allow us to tour the facility.
  - o Andy will contact other extension services and can get pictures of their facilities. He asked for input from other Board members who may have contacts at similar facilities
- Bay Journal: Eddie summarized a local article which detailed issues with MDE and their wastewater permitting system.
- Bond Bill: Did not seem to pass. Sign or Die is today. Eddie has contacted MDE several time but has not heard back.

### MDE Update

- No Representative at meeting

### Training Center – University of Maryland, Central MD Research and Education Center (CMREC)- Update

- Nothing new to add at this time

### High Waste Sub Committee

- No Update

### Old Business

- Website: Rachel asked Bob to send his picture for inclusion on the website.
- Tax Issue: Eddie saw him this morning but there was nothing new for him to add. New accountant suggested to Eddie that the old account should pay fine for late.

### New Business

- Mail chimp: Vote was taken and approved to pay for monthly service.
- MDE list- Rob Sell said he has access to the MDE list to add to our distribution. Rachel asked him to send it to her.
- Conference: Date will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ten Oaks. It will stay 2 tracks.
  - o Caterer: Zefferon and Gold duplicated the order from last year with a new estimate. It will be just under \$4300. Motion was made to approve and it was passed.
  - o Happy Hour: The price does not include the Happy Hour. The new estimate is \$1000 (based on 80 guests). Andy suggested asking to see if they can get an estimate for a reduced crowd. Ryan felt that most people who had stayed in the past people who were already involved in MOWPA. Eddie suggested that MOWPA Board Members should try to personally sell the happy hour more to attendees. Tim Shotzberger asked if there was a vendor up to sponsoring Happy Hour.
  - o Sound: King Sound is \$499.20
  - o Prices: Eddie suggested raising prices. Prices have remained the same since pre-covid. Vote taken to raise member admission \$125; \$400 for vendors. Membership is required to attend. Discussion regarding raising the money for Conference 2024 to possibly \$150.
  - o Vendors: Rachel suggested contacting Dwayne Jones since he has handled contacting Vendors and Sponsors in the past. Ryan mentioned that we need to also be contacting companies (not just nationwide companies). The plan would be to try to find a sponsor for the food (breakfast, lunch, happy hour, etc). Credit will be given on the agenda, announced, etc.
  - o Sponsorship: Eddie would like to have someone create a recruiting plan to assign a dollar figure to a conference activity. Rob stated that he can help and send a flier from a golf tournament that mimics what the Board is talking thinking about. Rob Sell, Doug, and Bob will work on it.
  - o Conference: Rob P and Andy are going to work together on creating a list of possible conference topics. Discussion regarding possible speakers- Tom Ashton (VA), Reed Johnson, etc.

Next Meeting will TBD- it will be hybrid.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM**

