

**Final**  
**BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS**  
**May 17, 2012 Meeting**

**Members Present:**

Trevor Hunt, Chairman, Bath Water Dist  
David Bartlett, Assistant Chair  
David Beaulieu, Maine Water  
Chris Crovo, Portland Water Dist.  
Kerry Smart, Alfred Water Dist  
Teresa Trott, DWP

**Others Present:**

Jessica Bishop, Clerk  
Cindy Wade, MRWA  
Sandra Gora, Daycare

**Called to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 A.M.

**General Administration:**

Approval of the January 26, 2012 minutes, Kerry Smart motions to accept the minutes as amended. David Bartlett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board approves. Passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Advertising has come up to \$2,000 instead of \$200. This finding at the previous meeting was found to be accurate as it included the time and advertisements for rule and statute changes.

Renewal of licenses is what funds the board every year.

ABC Bill: The annual membership fee is \$1500 and the cost per exam is \$35. The Board will need to really look at the budget for SFY15.

System Update: Systems will be notified that they need to have active Designated Operators for those operators in responsible charge that have not renewed. Letters will be going out soon.

**Operators Update:**

**Enforcement:**

The complaint that was coming in on an operator at a system without an active license and that the operator was not renewing will not be coming before the Board.

The operator received a letter with a copy of the complaint. The operator called to see how to make it go away and has hired a contract operator. This operator has also surrendered license.

### Renewals:

69 people have not renewed  
17 are VSWS  
23 Class 1  
17 Class 2  
8 Class 3  
4 Class 4

13 people it is their first renewal.  
33% of the number not renewing are retiring.

Online Testing: AMP has agreed to look at the Brewer library to proctor exams. Librarian has already found out what the problems were at the other place in order to take care of these before AMP gets there.

Some of the issues that operators are bringing up about the site in Portland is that the desk is too small and that not all nonprogrammable calculators are being allowed. Proctors need to know the difference between a memory key and a program key.

## **Old Business**

Rules: The new rules have now taken effect. An operator can take any level of exam that he or she wishes to take on his or her schedule.

SWOCS TCH's are currently being added to SWOCS.

Board member status: Board member seats have been switched around. Trevor Hunt now holds the Management Seat and David Beaulieu is now in the Class 3 seat.

## **New Business**

Complaint Form vs. Referral Form: Discussion was held over whether the complaint form should actually be called a referral form. This suggestion came from a staff member at the Drinking Water Program.

Kerry Smart motions to reject the changes of the complaint form to a referral form and stay with the system in place. David Bartlett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Board approves. Passed unanimously.

Sandra Gora, a Daycare Provider, attended the meeting to express her concerns over having to get a very small water system operator license. Now, all daycares with over 25 staff and children must have a designated operator in charge of the system either someone from the daycare or a contract operator. She expressed her concern that the training she went to covered a lot of things that she would never use at her system. She wished that there was a way to have things tailored more towards her daycare.

In southern Maine there are roughly 100-150 daycares affected by this rule of having to have a very small water system operator in charge of the system.

The Board did discuss this matter at length. The Board decided to see how other states were handling daycares. Did they have certain exemptions, certain types of testing for daycares alone, etc? The Board would like to see the actual statistics of how big this problem really is. The Board thought about a site specific test that the inspector from the Drinking Water Program could do when he or she visited the site but was not sure this was the best way to even go about administering a site specific test even if could get site specific testing in a rule/ statute change.

The discussion over keeping an inactive list of operators for a fee will continue at the Board's next meeting.

DWP-

ABC -

EPA –

NEWWA –

MWUA –

MRWA – Suggestion of minutes and TCH updated on website

JETCC – Not sure if there will be enough people to run the Candidate School next year.

The Calendar of meetings and exams for 2012

Meetings:

September 20, 2012, meeting in Augusta

November 15, 2012, meeting in Topsham

Exams:

October 25, 2012- Paper exam will be held in Presque Isle  
Deadline September 1, 2012

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

**Next Meeting:** September 20, 2012 in Augusta

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