

**MINUTES OF THE 450th MEETING  
OF THE STATE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION  
HELD IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTURAL  
LABORATORIES, 3 SCHWARZKOPF DRIVE, EWING, NEW JERSEY  
March 20, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Sarnas, Howard Emerson, Dr. Kenneth Bruder, Mark Mayer, Dr. George Van Orden, George Shivery, Tony Petrongolo, Robert Kent, Secretary, and Claudia O'Malley, Technical Advisor. Due to various scheduling conflicts, Dr. Mark Robson, Shereen Semple and John Surmay were unable to attend.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Lisa Reed, D.A.G. Michael Schuit, Kimberly Johnson, Steve Csorgo, Eric Williges, Scott Crans and Dr. Karl Malamoud-Roam.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sarnas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Kent called the roll.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Secretary Kent reported that on March 12, 2012 the Secretary of State was sent an announcement for the March meeting to be held at the Public Health Environmental and Agricultural Laboratories, Ewing, NJ. A copy of the announcement was also sent to the Newark Star-Ledger, the Asbury Park Press, the Associated Press, the Atlantic City Press, the Bridgeton Evening News, the NJDEP Press Office and the NJDEP Office of Communication and Legislation in compliance with P.L. 1975, c. 231.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2011 MEETING**

Dr. Bruder noted that the discussion on HR- 872 was considered under "New Business" not "Old Business" as in the draft minutes. It was also noted that the members modified the AMCA letter to the President by copying the AMCA and Senator Boxer. He then moved and Mr. Mayer seconded a motion approve the minutes. All members approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 05/12/12            Memorandum from Robert Kent, Secretary to SMCC members. Ref.: State Mosquito Control Commission meeting.
- 05/12/12            Correspondence from Robert Kent, Secretary to the Honorable Kim Guadagno, Secretary of State. Ref.: Announcement of the Mosquito Commission meeting for March 20, 2012.
- 05/13/12            Memorandum from Claudia O'Malley, Technical Advisor to William Reinert, Director of Atlantic County Department of Public Works. Ref.: Registration for 1972 Boston Whaler.

- 05/13/12 Memorandum from Claudia O'Malley, Technical Advisor to Richard Candeletti, Superintendent, Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission. Ref.: Registration 1998 Carolina Skiff.
- 05/13/12 Correspondence from Joseph Pezzillo, Assistant Supervisor, County of Passaic Mosquito Control to Ms. Claudia O'Malley, Technical Advisor, NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination. Ref.: Obtaining 3,950 Gambusia and 6,156 fathead minnows.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The financial statement was distributed and reviewed. The Secretary noted that there is a change in the line item for administration. The Deputy Attorney General line item for an annual encumbered amount of \$1,000.00 appears for attorney fees. The fee for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was \$783.20. Funds were moved from the equipment budget (\$1,000.00) into administration. Mr. Shivery moved and Dr. Bruder seconded the motion to approve the report. All members approved.

#### **REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary stated that Cumberland County is considering a plan to eliminate their mosquito control program. The new administration put together a public works transition team and they distributed a 2 ½ page document. One of the changes suggested was to privatize the mosquito control program. The Secretary and Claudia O'Malley went to Cumberland County to meet with Heather Lomberk and her supervisor with regard to disarming the mosquito program. Claudia O'Malley sent follow-up correspondence on 3/05/12 with regard to state-aid that would be lost if they dissolved the program. The Secretary distributed several items: The recently published NJMCA "Proceedings," and a promotional calendar from NJMCA that was taken to the AMCA meeting recently held in Austin, Texas. A draft report from Dr. Slaff on the subject of surveillance data quality assurance was also distributed. The Secretary distributed proposals from Rutgers to Dr. Van Orden and Dr. Bruder. Mr. Emerson, Dr. Bruder, Ms. O'Malley and Mr. Kent met with Bill Stewart and Erin Nooney from Burlington County in order to discuss mosquito surveillance and control at Great Bay.

#### **REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

Ms. O'Malley stated that she inspected the Case long reach hydraulic excavator assigned to Morris County that was undergoing repairs. She was able to speak with the Case mechanics performing the work. The final repair bill was \$7,579.00, compared to the worst case estimate of \$18,000.00. The Case mechanics were impressed with how well maintained and clean the staff of the Morris County Mosquito Commission keeps this machine. If it had been allowed to collect leaves & other debris, the entire machine could have burned up as a result of the original mechanical failure. Ms. O'Malley attended hydraulics troubleshooting training at Trans Axle on 2/23; this was organized by Rich Candeletti of the Ocean County Mosquito Commission.

On 3/8 Ms. O'Malley was informed by the State fish hatchery at Hackettstown that we could begin distribution of the indoor stocks of fish. A broadcast email to that effect was sent to all county mosquito control agencies the same day. Ocean County obtained 10,000 Gambusia on 3/15, Warren County picked up 5,000 Gambusia & 5,000 fathead minnows on 3/16, Bergen County is scheduled to pick up 10,000 Gambusia on 3/22. Morris County had also requested and received an allotment of Gambusia on 3/1 for use in an exhibit that the Morris County Mosquito Commission was presenting at a local school fair. Ms. O'Malley would like to acknowledge the

Hackettstown hatchery staff, as well as the Division's Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries Chief, Lisa Barno. It is a continued pleasure working with her and the Hackettstown hatchery staff.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Legislative –No report.

Equipment –No report.

Research and Development – Dr. Van Orden had a meeting with the county mosquito control agencies' water management network. They were discussing issues regarding stormwater management practices and he listened to them discuss concerns about correcting stormwater problems. Dr. Van Orden would like to form a subcommittee so they can find a way of improving and maintaining existing stormwater systems. If possible, a manual could be created that will address some of the "Best Management Practices" issues that already exist and correct them.

Budget – No report.

Public Relations – No report.

Ad-hoc County Assistance – Mr. Emerson commented on the meeting at Burlington County, where state aid was discussed. The representatives from the county stated that while no more resources would be dedicated to their program, a re-structuring of existing resources might help the effort. Mr. Emerson also commented on the 4 counties that he originally approached regarding surveillance. Mr. Sarnas recommended that all parties keep the lines of communication open. Mr. Gogats, who is responsible for the mosquito control program, is retiring from Burlington County.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES**

No report.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Mark Mayer gave a report on the Beneficial Insect Laboratory's successful rearing of copepods. They have put up traps throughout the state for the Emerald Ash Borer. They have been found in Warren County, NJ, Bucks County, PA and also Orange County in New York.

#### **NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

Mr. Crans stated that they are preparing for the NJMCA annual meeting. He attended the AMCA meeting and over 200 papers were presented. There were 40 posters presented; Rutgers offered about 9 presentations which were well received. They have been working on the stored archives which will be exhibited at next year's joint meeting with the AMCA. They discussed hosting a webinar for the AMCA using the NJ biologist group meetings as the forum. Staff will be participating in the training that will be held in Atlantic City next week.

Dr. Lisa Reed stated that besides getting ready for the presentation at the NJMCA meetings, she has been getting ready for the biologist's meeting and her presentation on graphics. There will be a review of the calibration of light traps.

#### **ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVES OF MOSQUITO CONTROL WORK IN NEW JERSEY**

Mr. Eric Williges stated that the scheduled meeting was moved back to next month. No other report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Van Orden stated that the Morris County Communicable Diseases Community will be hosting a seminar regarding vector borne diseases that will be offered to the public. These sessions are scheduled to be 2 hours long at the local library in May or June. Dr. Slaff will be talking about tick borne diseases and Kris McMorland will discuss mosquito borne diseases and talk about the Asian Tiger Mosquito, Aedes albopictus.

Mr. Howard Emerson presented Karl Malamoud-Roam regarding (IR4) Inter-Regional Research (project) 4. AMCA is petitioning Members of Congress with regard to the maintenance of the budget received from the Federal government and the manner in which it is managed. The IR4 deals specifically with “small market pesticides” such as those used in mosquito control. Dr. Malamoud-Roam suggested that a change in the budget format might dilute the ability of IR4 to defend such pesticides. He presented a letter sent by the American Mosquito Control Association, which if sent to key congressional representatives, might return the budget format to its original state. It was suggested that the AMCA letter content be “cut and pasted” onto Commission letterhead, signed and sent to all members of NJ Congress and to key congressional committee members reviewing this budget. Mr. Emerson moved and Dr. Bruder seconded a motion to proceed with that suggestion. All members approved. Dr. Bruder noted that correspondence which goes to elected officials or to the Legislature should be forwarded to upper management in the NJDEP.

**COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.