

**NOTES FROM AN INFORMAL MEETING (WITHOUT QUORUM)
OF THE STATE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION
HELD AT THE OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO COMMISSION AT 784 WEST BAY
AVE, BARNEGAT, NJ**

May 17, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Sarnas, Dr. Kenneth Bruder, Howard Emerson, Dr. Mark Robson, Mark Mayer, Robert Kent, Secretary and Claudia O'Malley, Technical Advisor. Mr. Surmay, Mr. Konczyk, Dr. Janusz, Dr. Van Orden and Mr. Petrongolo were unable to attend.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Lisa Reed, Eric Williges, D.A.G. Michael Schuitt, Rich Candeletti, Dr. Roy Meyer, Steve Csorgo and Michelle McGuinness.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sarnas called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kent called the roll.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2011 MEETING

Mr. Emerson noticed that some members were mailed the wrong copy of the April minutes. The correct copy will be mailed out to those members.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED

- Correspondence from Heather Lomberg, Superintendent of the Cumberland County Mosquito Control Commission. Ref.: Request to be part of surveillance QA/QC project.
- Correspondence from Warren County Mosquito Commission. Ref.: Repairs to revco freezer.
- Correspondence from Atlantic County. Ref.: Signed equipment use agreement for Fiscal Year 11.
- Correspondence from Dr. Greg Williams, Program Coordinator for the Hudson Regional Health Commission Mosquito Control Program. Ref.: Purchase of sprayhead for Buffalo turbine assigned to that county.
- Correspondence to John Rigolizzo, Commissioner of the Camden County Mosquito Commission, signed by Chairman Sarnas. Ref.: Request for a meeting.
- Correspondence between Claudia O'Malley, technical advisor, and Dr. Greg Williams, Program Coordinator for the Hudson Regional Health Commission Mosquito Control Program. Ref.: Registration for trailer on which Buffalo turbine in Hudson County sits.

- Correspondence between Claudia O'Malley, technical advisor, and Richard Candeletti, Superintendent of the Ocean County Mosquito Control Commission. Ref.: Registration for boat trailer in that county.
- Correspondence between Claudia O'Malley, technical advisor, and Jim McDonald, Sussex County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services. Ref.: Registration for a trailer for an ATV in that county.
- Correspondence between Claudia O'Malley, technical advisor, and Christine Musa, Warren County Mosquito Commission. Ref.: Registration for a trailer for equipment in that county.
- Memo to Commission members from Robert Kent, Secretary. Ref.: Meeting announcement for the May meeting of the Commission.
- Correspondence to Honorable Kim Guadagno, Secretary of State, from Robert Kent, Secretary. Ref.: Meeting announcement for the May meeting of the Commission.
- Memo to the SMCC Equipment Committee from Claudia O'Malley. Ref.: Items for consideration at the May meeting of the Commission.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement was distributed and reviewed. The Secretary noted the changes, including the purchase of a digital recorder under the category of Administration; insecticides under the State Airspray Program and Marsh Master repair under Equipment Repairs/Purchases. A no-cost extension for the QA/QC project was discussed. There is not expected to be any balance left at the end of the year. Mr. Kent reported that Dr. Brattsten is not in the country, but has sent a proposal electronically.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

The Secretary reviewed several documents that he distributed. Included were: an announcement for a retirement dinner for Dr. Doug Roscoe and a draft resolution to present to Dr. Roscoe at the dinner. Mr. Kent said that Dr. Roscoe was a generous and active member aiding the mosquito community in his work as the DEP Pathologist for 34 years. Also distributed was an article about Mayor George Shivery replacing Dr. Konczyk and a press release from the DEP about the role of *Gambusia* in mosquito control. Mr. Kent also described his meeting with the evaluation committee on Robert Goodman. He described issues with the courier service and how that various counties have helped maintain that service. He explained plans to take a tour of the Ocean County facility later that day.

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Ms. O'Malley said the Airspray Program has done two more larvicides in Cumberland County and larvicides in Essex and Morris counties since the last meeting, bringing the total acres sprayed for the year to date up to 4,176. The program also distributed about 49,000 fish since the last meeting. Ms. O'Malley said the indoor stock of *Gambusia* that was overwintered in the hatchery have been distributed. The remaining *Gambusia* are in outdoor ponds, where the population of fish needs time to build up. Ms. O'Malley said that there was a meeting at the Department of Agriculture Beneficial Insects Lab on April 20 to roll out the copepod project

statewide. She reported that 13 county mosquito control agencies attended the meeting and that since then Atlantic, Cumberland and Warren counties picked up shipments of copepods last week and Monmouth County picked up a shipment that day. There were more shipments scheduled for the rest of the month as well. Ms. O'Malley said she and Mr. Kent staffed a small exhibit at Joint Base McGuire/Dix Lakehurst Earth Day celebration on April 30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative- Mr. Emerson discussed the bills in the Senate regarding changes to FIFRA. Mr. Williges said he had a meeting with Senator Frank R. Lautenberg to try to convince him to be a co-sponsor of one of the bills. Vicky Thompson, of the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission, Ary Farajollahi, Superintendent of the Mercer County Division of Mosquito Control, and Dr. Greg Williams, Program Coordinator of the Hudson Regional Health Commission Mosquito Control Program, also attended the meeting. Mr. Emerson said the only senator on the committee for the bills that is located nearby is from New York.

Equipment – Dr. Bruder said the committee has one request from Hudson County that it will vote on at the next meeting. Mr. Kent said the request for \$2,100 for a machine already in use in that county could be expected to be approved at the next meeting and the county could be notified of that.

Research and Development – Dr. Bruder announced that the committee will have its meeting on Thursday.

Budget – No report.

Public Relations – No report.

Ad-hoc County Assistance – The members discussed various upcoming meetings with several counties. There were concerns surrounding the issue of how communications between the Committee and counties could be carried out without violating the Open Public Meetings Act.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES

No report.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mr. Mayer said there were two spray blocks for the gypsy moth program. Dr. Nancy Halpern from the Division of Animal Health has resigned, leaving Dr. Manoel Tamassia as Acting Director. Mr. Mayer reported that the department has plenty of copepods ready to be distributed if they are requested. Mr. Kent had a question about the strategies to combat the southern pine beetle. Mr. Mayer said falling trees, burning trees or letting them rot and certain temperature ranges would all be effective against the beetles. He said only Maryland and New Jersey are having trouble with the beetles because neither state got a week of 0 degree or 95 degree temperatures.

NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Dr. Robson said Dr. Slaff reported on the QA/QC Surveillance project. He said there seems to be greater appreciation now for what the surveillance project is doing. Dr. Robson said a Surveillance Working Session is planned for the 2012 NJMCA meeting. Dr. Reed reported on several meetings, including the recent biologists' meeting.

ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVES OF MOSQUITO CONTROL WORK IN NEW JERSEY

Mr. Williges said the executives have contacted Senator Lautenberg and that he had gone to Washington to represent the mosquito control community. He also reported that the Associated Executives has officially registered as a non-profit organization.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

The members discussed the letter from Ms. Lomberg. The members discussed potential future meeting sites and the needs to travel more and see other mosquito control facilities in the state.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The discussion was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.