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MINNESOTA LAND OF LAKES SWANA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 7, 2011

Conference call.

Curt called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

PRESENT: Curt Hoffman, Maggie Mattacola, Don Chapdelaine, Michael Reed, Steve Steuber, Brad Hanzel, Amanda Lloyd, Ryan Tritz, Kathy Osborne, Ryan O’Gara, Tom Halbach, and Gary Bruns.

MINUTES: Curt asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. Gary moved to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting with a second from Brad. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES:

After some discussion, there was a recommendation to send Curt to Wastecon at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 to be reimbursed by the Chapter. There was motion to approve by Gary and a second by Tom. Motion carried.

Membership drive: Some suggestions to sign up new members included half-price membership month drive, membership networking event with a membership for a door prize, joint event with RAM on May 5th, bring John Skinner in as a guest speaker, St. Croix river cruise that would be free for members and a small fee for non-members with a possible business sponsor that could give the sponsor a opportunity to talk to the group about their business. Maggie will look into some options.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Don reported that our Chapter’s financials are in great shape. Don offered up for discussion to invest \$20,000 from checking into a CD. Don said he will check for the best rate at a few different banks. Don offered a motion to invest \$20,000 into a CD and but will seek advice from the audit committee before proceeding. There was a second by Gary. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Maggie began by telling the Board that the keynote speaker for the RAM/SWANA Conference will be Jim Brandenburg. The Minneapolis Convention Center has been booked for the conference. We currently have 95 members in our

Chapter. Volunteers are needed for the conference committee. Maggie will send out a list for people to sign up.

There was some discussion on the silent auction. Maggie said it takes a lot of time to get donations from exhibitors and also that it is hard to contact people who purchased items but did not pay. Maggie suggested we do something similar to last year where we have a drawing using tickets attendees get from the vendors and drop the silent auction. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was some discussion on developing our own chapter website. This would probably need a sub-committee and funding but no action was taken.

Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) is interested in purchasing an InFocus machine. The cost to rent one for the RAM/SWANA Conference keynote speaker is \$800. RAM looked in purchasing one at a cost of \$2,500 and wants to know if our SWANA Chapter wants to split the cost. The machine would only be used for RAM and SWANA events and we would not loan it out. Don motioned to contribute to half the cost (\$1,250) of the machine with a second by Tom. Motion carried.

ADJORNMENT: After no further discussion, Don motioned to adjourn with a second by Steve. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Steve Steuber
Secretary