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MINNESOTA LAND OF LAKES SWANA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 19, 2011

Meeting was held at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Curt called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

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

MINUTES: Curt asked if there was any discussion of the minutes. Jason moved to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2010 meeting with a second from Kathy. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTIONS: Curt started the meeting by discussing the elections of executive officers, beginning with president. Curt would like to step down because of too many personal commitments but would stay for another year if needed. Moving on to secretary, Steve said he would be willing to be secretary again. Jason nominated Steve for secretary, with a second from Gary. Nomination approved.

Don said he would be the treasurer again. Jason nominated Don, with a second by Steve. Nomination approved.

Gary indicated he was interested in another two year term. Jason also had indicated his interest in the IB position as well. Gary said he would be willing to stay for one year and would be willing to let Jason take over at that time. Jason made a motion to appoint Gary to the IB position with a second by Don. Nomination approved. There was some discussion of sending our president to the National meeting in addition to the IB Representative in the future.

Troy is resigning from the Board and vice president. Kathy said she was interested in vice president. There was a nomination of Kathy for vice president by Ryan T. Nomination approved.

And finally, Jason nominated Curt for president with a second by Don. Nomination approved.

COMMITTEE UPDATES: There were some additional appointments to the various committees as follows:

- Membership: Brad Hanzel (Chair), Ryan Tritz, Michael Reed
- Programs & Arrangements: Curt Hoffman (Chari), Jason Haus, Dan Costello, Maggie Mattacola
- Scholarship: Gary Bruns (Chair), Tom Halbach, Maggie Mattacola
- Conference Planning: Jason Haus. Kathy Osborne. Steve Steuber. Con Chapdelaine, Amanda Lloyd, Michael Reed, Curt Hoffman, Ryan Tritz, Ryan O’Gara
- Audit: Jason Haus (Chair), Don Chapdelaine, Gary Bruns

IB REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE: Gary said that people have questioned the value of the technical divisions, with each division costing \$40 to join over and above the annual membership rate. In addition, only those who are division members have access the information under these divisions. Gary wanted to know what message our board wants to bring to National. After much discussion, it was agreed that joining the technical divisions should not be extra and should be included in the cost of the membership even if it means slightly raising the annual membership dues. Gary said he will bring this consensus of the Board to National.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Don reported that our Chapter’s financials are in great shape. There was some discussion on who is authorized to sign checks on our account. Since Michael Reed is no longer an officer, he name should be deleted as a signatory. And because Kathy Osborne is now the vice president, her name should be added as the ability to sign checks.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Maggie began by telling the Board that Landfill Operators Conference filled up and that she had a waiting list. The dates for the RAM/SWANA conference will be October 12 & 13, 2011 and will be at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The next SWANA seminar is February 10, 2011 with a tour of JRs Appliance followed by a lunch and presentation.

The discussion turned to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a contract with RAM and SWANA for the Executive Director (ED) position. Jason made a motion to approve the MOA with a second by Kathy. Gary made a suggestion to remove the word “unanimously” from the second paragraph. Jason asked if the hours allocated under the different activities are accurate. Maggie said the hours were not precise and thought there should be more flexibility. After some discussion, it was agreed on an amendment to remove the estimated hours from the MOU. Steve motioned to approve the amendments with a second by Tom. Motion approved on the MOU.

OTHER BUSINESS: Tom spoke to the board about his trip to the City of Hamburg, Germany where he presented a paper at the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) World Congress 2010. Tom shared with the group some items of interest such as that by 2014 landfills will no longer be used in the European Union but in China, 70 percent of the waste is disposed of in open dumps.

ADJORNMENT: After no further discussion, Gary motioned to adjourn with a second by Jason. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Steve Steuber
Secretary