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## MINNESOTA LAND OF LAKES SWANA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 2, 2009

Conference call.

President Jason Haus called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**PRESENT:** Brad Hanzel, Jason Haus, John Lloyd, Ryan O’Gara, Steve Steuber, Gary Bruns, Kathy Osborne, Michael Reed, Dan Costello, Troy Schuette, Ryan Tritz, Don Chapdelaine, Doug Morris, Curt Hoffman and Maggie Mattacola.

**EXCUSED:** Dave Lucas and Tom Halbach.

**MINUTES:** Jason asked if there was any discussion of the last three meeting minutes. Don moved to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting with a second from Gary. Motion carried. John moved to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2009 meeting with a second from Brad. Motion carried. Gary moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2009 meeting with a second from Cathy. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- **Membership:** Brad said there were no losses in membership last year. Jason suggested that the membership look at ways to increase. Brad said we are looking at on-line registration for our seminars. Maggie said we can have the option of becoming a SWANA member with the on-line registration. Doug observed that with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) not having a conference in 2010, we should target those individuals who need continuing credits for certification.
- **Programs and Arrangements:** Curt said the tentative dates for future seminars were December 3, 2009, February 18, 2010, May 13, 2010, and August 5, 2010 with the chapter’s annual Toys for Tots drive on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> event. Maggie said she is working on either a panel discussion on the work of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Stakeholder Group or a tour at the Coke-Cola facility in Eagan and their recycling operation. Ryan, who is on the Stakeholder Group said the final meeting is December 9, 2009 thinking the panel would be more valuable for the February 18<sup>th</sup> seminar as the Stakeholder Group’s final report will be done by then. After some discussion it was decided to have the Coke-Cola plant tour on December 10<sup>th</sup> and a Stakeholder Group discussion on Feb 18, 2010. Cathy suggested that we ask Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) if they want to partner with us for the Coke plant tour.

- Scholarship: Maggie said a press release was sent out regarding our 2009 scholarship recipient Weslie Waters, from Plymouth, Minnesota.
- Conference: Jason said our 2009 RAM/SWANA conference was very successful. Maggie said that 88 people attended the annual meeting and dinner which was highest numbers of attendees in history. Also the pre-conference training and exhibitor booths were both sold out. There were 51 items donated for the silent auction which made about \$1,500. There was discussion RAM and SWANA partnering with the MPCA for a conference since there will not be a MPCA conference in 2010. The Board realized this could not happen in 2010 since the MPCA is typically around the end of February and this too short of time line to put a conference together but could look in initiating discussion for 2011.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Jason introduced the RAM/SWANA E.D arrangement. RAM gave us a proposal from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> for 2010 on the sharing of Maggie's time as Executive Director. The agreement will be for \$40 per hour up to \$8,000 maximum for the year. A board member asked how this will impact the budget and Jason said we are in great shape financially. Curt had a comment that having Maggie on board has been a huge asset to our SWANA chapter. Steve made a motion to approve the agreement and there was second from Gary. The motion was approved.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD (IB) UPDATE: Gary recently attended Wastecon in Long Beach. He said Wastecon was a financial success. He said national added eight technical people to the IB. Gary said dues are going up \$2 per month with this increase going to the scholarship fund. It was announced that IB mid-year meeting will be in Banff, Alberta, Canada. And finally, the South Carolina chapter was recognized for a 21% increase in membership for 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don reported that with our checking account and investments, we have approximately \$57,000 in total assets. On another subject, Don noted that during our last seminar at Great River Energy, the turnout was so great that when it came time to pay for the lunches, he had to write two checks. He suggested we raise the ability for one signatory to sign checks up to \$1,000. Don said the bank will need a copy of the minutes from the Secretary showing the motion of approval of this change. Gary made a motion to raise this to \$1,000 using one signatory with a second from Curt. Motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Gary said the election for Board members is over and the following were voted in for another term: Don Chapdelaine, Dan Costello, Jason Haus, Doug Morris, Michael Reed, and Steve Steuber. Also welcome new Board member Amanda Lloyd and farewell to departing Board member John Lloyd.

Jason said the following indicated they are interested in being Board officers for 2010: Curt Hoffman for Vice President, Gary Bruns (who is in his second year of a two team) for IB member, Don Chapdelaine for treasurer, and Steve Steuber for secretary. Jason said he is not running for another term as president and added that with the addition of Maggie as AD, the responsibilities of the president have been greatly reduced. Anyone interested in the

president position, please contact Jason. Jason also noted that voting for officers will not be until sometime early in 2010.

ADJORNMENT: There was a motion by Gary to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jason. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectively submitted,

Steve Steuber  
Secretary