

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter  
Solid Waste Association of North America  
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting  
December 14th, at 11:00 a.m.  
Zoom Conference Call  
MINUTES – DRAFT**

**Call to Order:** 11:04 AM

**Roll Call & Introductions**

BOD: MaKayla Galecki, Lee Daigle, Dave Hagenbucher, Ali Rathsack, Abby Lichtscheidl, Julie Ketchum, John Welch Chris Anderson, Mark Torresani

BOD Not Present: Benjamin Hintz

Also Present: Kate Strom Hiorns (DNR), Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), John Peralta (Marathon Co)

**Minutes of Previous Meetings** [October 2023](#)

Abby moves to approve October Minutes.

Ali – Seconded

Approved – Motion Carries

**Treasurer’s Report** [Abby \(emailed\)](#)

Checking: \$ 7,244.34

Savings: \$ 14,267.73

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Mark motions to approve.

Julie seconds.

Approved – Motion Carries

**Committee Reports**

**DNR Report** - [Kate](#)

- The Landfill and Solid Waste Fees Rule Making Advisory committee meeting is on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM and is open to the public. We plan to get all draft changes to group before the meeting for review and to gather information on the economic impact of those changes. Throughout the next months, we will continue to finalize and open that up for economic impact comments in May of next year.
- DNR has been working on rules related to recycling, responsible units, effective recycling programs, and rules that would affect materials recovery facilities. The economic impact comment period has ended and there will be a public hearing on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM for review of that rule.
- The Waste and Materials Management study group will meet on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There is also a call for nominations for an open position in this group.
- DNR received an EPA grant to focus on organics and food waste management, prevention of food waste and diversion from landfills. With that, a 2+ year project position will be posted. There will also be a statewide study of current infrastructure that deals with food waste and also looking at policies and other incentives to improve food waste.

- The Legislature is holding a public hearing on a bill today related to allowing municipalities to utilize an owner financial responsibility method similar to a net worth method, which is something that is currently offered to private businesses but not for municipalities.

**Safety Ambassador Report** *Dave/John Peralta*

- Safety committee will be one of the panel discussions for WIRMC, currently working on brainstorming materials needed for that.
- Also continued brainstorming on the safety resource center for WIRMC
- Briefly discussed battery legislation

**Membership / Social Media Report** *Ali*

- Committee developed goals for 2024 built off of 2023 goals
- Ali reached out for renewals from memberships that were expiring
- E-newsletter survey will be sent out to membership in the coming week for more responses
- Ali reviewed membership numbers and will be updating the way membership numbers are calculated for 2024 so they will be higher in the upcoming year.

**International** *John*

- The international board has started meeting monthly with meetings being ran by new CEO executive director and the 5 year strategic plan has started being implemented.
- There is a renewed focus on analyzing WasteCon as the numbers have come in lower than budgeted and anticipated.
- Some discrepancy on membership numbers due to bookkeeping type issue, but working to get it down to just actual members.

**YP Report** *Abby*

- Goals were ambitious from last year so they will continue to be worked on in 2024
- Members are pushing to bring back Waste Camp in the new year
- Budget confirmation for laser tag for WIRMC. Continuing to get ready.
- YP of the Year Nominations/Applications are out.

**Advocacy Report** *Mark*

- Trying to figure out best avenue to deal with lithium batteries. They will not be put in with the newly updated NR 500 regulations.
- With the new NR 500 regulations, there may be an option for a clay liner on the base of the landfill as well as collection pipe sizing. If these changes get implemented, it would be in late 2025.

**Scholarship Report** *Lee*

- No update yet, will be sent out near end of the year.
- Will follow up with previous award winners in January if they will be in attendance of WIRMC 2024. SWANA offered to pay registration fees for previous winners.

**The timeline was reviewed.**

Molo CEU pre-approval	November	Conference Chair
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	November	Treasurer
Ask for YP Award nominations	December	Programs Committee

Review goals	December	Board
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	December	Treasurer
Annual Progress Report	Dec 31	Admin
Annual Financial Report	Dec 31	Treasurer
Review bank statement	December	Treasurer
Website Updates	December	Website Chair

### **Unfinished – New Business**

- Lithium Ion batteries
  - i. NWRA is working on drafting legislation and are in the process of redrafting comments from DNR.
  - ii. There is a bill that provides funding for education which may be used to carry the NWRA legislation or another EPR legislation because it is related to public education about putting lithium ion batteries in the right collection point rather than the trash.
- YP of the Year
  - i. Hoping to develop a panel to pick the YP of Year.
- Solid Waste 101 Course Update
  - i. Moving along, slightly behind schedule but still on track for Spring/Summer 2024.
- WIRMC Update
  - i. All sponsors have been confirmed from last year and two additional sponsors have been picked up.
  - ii. Registration is on par with last year. Exhibits are at about 60%.
  - iii. Welcome event is moving along great and is underbudget.
  - iv. Osthoff is confirmed for 2026 and the paperwork is currently being signed.

Next board meeting is January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Zoom 10:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Lee  
 Seconded by Abby  
 Approved

Adjourn – 12:02 pm

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Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant