

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
October 19th, at 11:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES – Approved**

Call to Order: 11:07 AM

Roll Call & Introductions

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

BOD Not Present: Mark Torresani

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings [September 2023](#)

Lee moves to approve September Minutes.

Abby – Seconded

Approved – Motion Carries

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

Checking: \$ 5,378.94

Savings: \$ 19,267.73

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Ben motions to approve.

Lee seconds.

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Kate](#)

- Reminder that the comment period on the DNR’s recycling rule economic impact analysis is open until Monday, October 23. The rule, economic analysis, and information on how to comment can be found here, under WA-13-21: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent>
- The next Waste and Materials Management Study Group meeting is on November 2 at 9:00. Agenda and Zoom link can be found here:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/StudyGroup.html>

Safety Ambassador Report [Dave/John Peralta](#)

- Safety Committee discussed activities for WIRMC. Discussed the SRC plans and activities and will be having a panel talk about hauler safety.
- Estella is still overseeing the safety ambassador program and SWANA is still looking for someone to fill that role of leadership.

Membership / Social Media Report [Ali](#)

- Social Media Committee met last week to discuss e-newsletter. Feel free to contact them with anything that might be good for the e-newsletter.
- We will be looking to send out a survey to get feedback regarding e-newsletters.

- Membership have remained steady similar to previous months. We have reached out to expiring members this month.

International *John*

- John is now regional rep for Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.
- The new executive director is Amy Lestition-Burke.
- WasteCon was a successful. YP Leadership Academy had a great event and presented findings from a large research project and had a great celebration and awards ceremony at the end of WasteCon.
- Many good discussions from the board regarding the future of the organization and how to move it forward.

YP Report *Abby*

- EP presentation in October with Karin Sieg went great and provided a different perspective for the YPs.
- YP Social after Annual Meeting was also a great social, fun event.
- Next month, the goals set from last year will be reviewed and potentially set new goals for the upcoming year.
 - Schedule is based around the SWANA schedule.
- Nominations for YP of the year will be sent out soon.
 - In the past other people nominate other people, but considering switching it to nominating yourself with letter of recommendation.

Advocacy Report *John*

- DNR 500 Rule making process is still occurring and is moving well.
- A bill introduced at the state level (LRB 0632/1) is proposing to change owner financial responsibility law in Wisconsin.
- Federal funds have led to a grant program which includes some funding for emergent containments which Solid Waste Departments could apply for in the future. There will be 4 more years of funding for this program.
 - Intents to apply for 2025 funding have to be submitted by October 31st, 2023.

Scholarship Report *Lee*

- Photos of winners will be sent out in the upcoming newsletter.
- No update until next round of applicants.

The timeline was reviewed.

Website Updates	September	Website Chair
Ballots Sent	September	Admin
Review goals	September	Board
Annual Meeting: Election of Officers, Service Provider Agreement	September	President/Admin
Review bank statement	September	Treasurer
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	September	Treasurer
Update Board Member List & Send To Members with appointed committees	October	Admin

Inform National of New Officers with appointed committees	October	Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	October	Treasurer
Molo CEU pre-approval	November	Conference Chair
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	November	Treasurer

Unfinished – New Business

- WDNR Recycling Rule
 - i. Group discusses.
 - ii. DNR’s recycling rule economic impact analysis is open until Monday, October 23. The rule, economic analysis, and information on how to comment can be found here, under WA-13-21: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent>
 1. Site will take you to the NR 140 rule.
 - iii. There will also be a public hearing near the end of January regarding this rule.
- Lithium Ion batteries
 - i. Group discusses.
 1. There is a need for residents to know what to do with this material and how to handle it safely.
 2. Staples does take a variety of batteries free of charge.
 - ii. NWRA-Wisconsin is working to request funding from state segregated environmental management account to increase education on the dangers of ion batteries as well as funding for existing disposal sites and to start new ones.
 1. Board would have to discuss this if proposal gains traction.
 - iii. Dane County is considering to apply for a federal grant for battery recycling education and collection and looking to collaborate with SWANA and DNR or other partners.
- Solid Waste 101 Course Update
 - i. Moving along with course development. Karin Sieg, Meleesa Johnson, and Susan have met regarding content collection and structure. Susan will reach out with support with content as necessary.
 - ii. The timeline is content development for the fall, specific target review in December, and announcing the registration and timeline at WIRMC.
- WIRMC Update
 - i. \$31,900 in currently in sponsors which is on target.
 - ii. Registration is open
 - iii. Exhibit booths have filled 15 of the 47 available.
 - iv. Schedule is posted online.

Next board meeting is November 16th, 2023 Zoom 11:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Abby
 Seconded by Lee
 Approved

Adjourn – 12:10 pm

Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant