



SWANA AZ CHAPTER
AZ SWANA Board Meeting Minutes
Salt River Landfill Administration Building
13602 N Beeline Hwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
October 13, 2017
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

- **Welcome:**

Attendees:

1. Dave Bennett
2. Lorizelda Stoeller
3. Felipe Moreno
4. James Peck
5. Michael Ulmer (called in)
6. Gary Mosier
7. Scott Givaudan
8. Bill Cummings (called in)
9. Jack Minkalis (called in)
10. Jaccob Dalton
11. Sean Tebbe
12. Mark Powell
13. Richard Martinez

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

Kelly from Dadee/ARS will join the group at lunch
Sean Tebbe from advisory council introduced and in attendance.

Ernie Ruiz joined the meeting via call-in at 10:01am.

- **Minutes:** Approve the September 15th, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes

Ernie Ruiz moved approval of the September 15, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Mark Powell.
Motion passes unanimously

- **Finances & Taxes:**

1. Approve the September 1st – September 30th. Financials
Dave Bennett: received invoice from Compost Training and we owe \$8,500. Next month the Board will see the total made off the training. Outstanding is Dave's airfare and \$9,000 Rodeo costs.

Dave Bennett states we should be at a balance of mid \$50k.

Jack Minkalis asked about charge for WasteCon room. Dave Bennett stated the charge was a down payment for Mark Powell's room. Jack also asked about some charges that seemed excessive related to dining and transportation.

Dave Bennett stated moving forward there will be clarification on what types of items are approved spending during SWANA events.

Jack Minkalis asked about sending former Safety Ambassador vs sending current safety ambassador. Dave Bennett responded that the issue will be discussed with Executive Board.

Motion to approve Financials by James Peck, seconded by Lorizelda Stoeller. Item passes unanimously

2. 2018 Tax Update – Richard Martinez & Jack Minkalis

Mr. Bennett stated the account has been transferred into Jack's name

Richard Martinez stated there are no updates as the accountant is currently on vacation.

Mike Ulmer leaves call at 10:19 am.

- **International Update:** Mark Powell

Mark Powell presented a PowerPoint on Improving SWANA Governance with a Smaller Board. Mr. Powell stated a 70-person board is out of line with other types of boards. Boards are typically 10 - 20 members.

Ernie Ruiz leaves call at 10:23am

Mr. Powell stated SWANA will go from 5 Regions to 13 Regions. 21 members on Board of Directors, Arizona will have one Regional Director responsible for five states. The Board meets 3x per year, quorum will be 14 members.

- **Legislative Update:** James Peck

James Peck provided an update stating ADEQ Omnibus will be brought to legislative session in January or February. They want input from the public for feedback on redundancy etc. Amanda Stone from ADEQ would like input from SWANA. James suggested comment portal on SWANA website. Jaccob will look into setting it up.

Mr. Peck suggested discussion at November 3rd GM meeting and at December meeting, Board will discuss feedback and prioritize what goes forward by end of the year.

Mr. Peck discussed the VW settlement: trustee will approve beneficiary status in November. Mitigation plan on spending \$57M will be developed. Submitted to court appointed trustee by end of the year.

James Peck stated he is on a round table discussion panel to represent SWANA on the issue of applying for grants to improve air quality.

James Peck stated EPA approved AZ revisions to hazardous waste program to come in compliance

with federal regulations from 1996. If we have comments, public comment period ends November 6th. Mr. Peck stated trainings for pollution prevention are scheduled for October 24th in Tucson and January 21st in Phoenix. Additionally, a training for used tires is scheduled in Phoenix on October 18th.

Mr. Peck discussed the Chinese Scrap Metal Ban. James reviewed four areas of feedback from SWANA to manage this process including increased focus on quality due to enhanced contamination requirements.

- **Awards:** Jack Minkalis

Mr. Minkalis provided an update to the Board SWANA award winners: The winners were City of Mesa for SW Community Service, Stacy Hettmensberger with City of Phoenix for SW Manager of year, Town of Queen Creek for Municipality of year, and Rudy Lemm for Employee of Year from Scottsdale.

Motion to approve contingent on verifying numbers by James Peck, Oscar Tsingine 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Young Professional's:** Lorizelda Stoeller

Ms. Stoeller will send invite out to Young Professionals list for November 3rd Board meeting. Dave Bennett stated he would like more activity from the Young Professional group.

Ms. Stoeller stated there are currently 25 Young Professionals. Mr. Bennett recommends having Young Professionals meetings prior to Board meetings.

- **2017 Waste Con Debrief:** Richard Martinez

Richard Martinez provided overview of WasteCon and tips for the 2019 WasteCon.

- Identifying sponsors early
- Golf tournament was poorly attended due to lack of sponsorship.
- Be patient, slow process. SWANA National takes care of most of it. AZ responsible for tours and setting rates to recover costs.
- Sign MOU with Chapter and National early.

Mr. Martinez stated there is still not date for WasteCon 2019. But the Phoenix Convention Center is holding a block of rooms for the month of October 2019. Mr. Bennett stated he would like monthly updates on status of Wastecon 2019.

Mr. Bennett stated Arizona needs to be proactive and not wait for National on everything. Mr. Bennett stated he did not see a lot of value at sessions. Mr. Bennett stated he wants to have action items identified and ready to propose by end of Tennessee Wastecon. Mr. Bennett stated he would like MOU signed by June of next year. Mr. Bennett asked for Mr. Martinez to bring Baltimore MOU to next meeting.

Mr. Martinez stated safety was not emphasized at the conference as a whole, but the safety ambassador meeting went well and focused on how to reach out to smaller haulers. Mr. Bennett

stated National SWANA is looking to do incentive program for safety practices. Mr. Bennett recommends adding safety language in RFPs and contracts.

Gary Moser suggested using a standardized formula to track accident frequency. Mr. Martinez suggested starting each General Membership meeting with safety tip.

Mr. Martinez provided an update on the Slow Down to Get Around Campaign. Mr. Martinez stated the goal is to identify a congress champion to go through legislative process. Will need five people to testify at legislative. Mr. Peck asked if we have a sponsor for draft bill. Mr. Martinez said we do not. Felipe Moreno suggested working with Municipalities intergovernmental program staff.

- **17/18 Event & Board Calendar:** Dave Bennett

Mr. Bennett stated the Golf Tournament will be transitioned to Scott Givaudan and Feb. 23rd and 24th are the dates for State Rodeo. Mr. Bennett stated there are no other changes to the calendar. Bill mentioned Mesa Fire would like to discuss collaboration at State Rodeo to fund raise for charity.

- **Website:** Cristina Polsgrove

Jacob Dalton stated there was an issue with log in that is now resolved. Mr. Bennett asked if voting info and ability to vote will be on website. Mr. Dalton said it was possible.

- **November General Membership Meeting:** Dave Bennett

Mr. Bennett stated Scott Dierdorf, retired command chief of air force will be speaking on leadership.

- **Roundtable/Miscellaneous:**

Sean Tebbe stated he was honored to provide the check from AZ SWANA to Waste Management Employee Relief Fund.

Mr. Tebbe stated he is looking into support for Green Out Funds transition as he is no longer with Waste Management, now with Carboncycle.

Adjourned at 11:51