

SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter Monthly Board of Director's Meeting  
16 March 2010, LePeep Restaurant, 7156 E County Line Road, Highlands Ranch, CO

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Debby Barton, Cameron Beul, John Briest\*, Juri Freeman, Stephen Gillette, Jerry Henderson, Neil Nowak\*, Tom Schweitzer, Dick Sprague, Cathryn Stewart, Tom Strickland

**Absent:** Curt Ahrendsen, Kathy Andrew

**Others Present:** Gary Baughman, Charles Johnson, Joe Schieffelin

**Notations:** \* Member arrived after Call to Order.

Minutes are in the order of the agenda and not necessarily in order of discussions.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Stewart at 7:09 am as 9 of 13 directors present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** No additions to the agenda

**MINUTES** 16 February 2010 Board meeting minutes had been previously emailed and approved.

**TREASURER**

Gillette stated we had a checking account balance of \$17,151.70, a savings account balance of \$19,872.14. We have paid \$779.40 for website to date. There was a good attendance at the January meeting resulting in a positive cash flow.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Membership:** No report

**Technical Programs:**

**Quarter 2 (28 April 2010):** Meeting is planned for the CDPHE building. Final agenda will be published and sent out soon as Doug Ikenberry with CDPHE is doing final review. The registration information needs to be provided to Strickland as soon as possible to get the paypal working on the website. The training will be a workshop luncheon from 11:30 to 1 pm.

**Quarter 3 (Tentative 20 July 2010):** Geotech room is available for a luncheon workshop on dispute resolution or how to involve the public from the beginning to reduce problems later in a project or event. Larry Cerrillo may be able to expand the presentation to a two hour workshop at the annual meeting or a later technical session.

**Annual Meeting:** Strickland and Gillette made a trip to Eagle County and talked with various hotels. Option to date is for 23-24 September for the annual meeting, however there are some scheduling issues to be worked on as the hotel has fewer rooms available on Friday. Discussion held on having the tour on Friday morning instead of Thursday afternoon with lunch provided after the tour concluded. Sleeping room rates are \$99 per night. Discussion held on having the MOLO before the annual meeting. Sprague will follow up with national on questions regarding logistics. Cost to host a MOLO would be \$375 paid to SWANA for a Chapter partnership event. Discussion will be held in the future on actual charges. **Barton/Sprague moved/seconded** to host a MOLO adjacent to the annual meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously. Consensus was for Sprague, Strickland, and Gillette to work on the fine tuning of logistics for the hotel to combine MOLO and annual meeting for the same week. Ron Rasnic will be able to get tour buses for no charge for the annual meeting. Nowak will work with him on changing possible tour time from Thursday afternoon to Friday morning. He will also talk to him about having a MOLO tour on Wednesday afternoon depending on information provided by Sprague. Ahrendsen had sent in a request for ideas on Key Note speaker for the annual meeting luncheon or banquet.

**Scholarships:** Nothing to report.

**Nominations:** Nothing to report.

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**Legislative:** Legislative table has been updated frequently and sent by Andrew. Barton forwarded to Nowak a concern about OSHA regulations pending on combustible dusts for solid waste facilities. He has requested input from national SWANA.

**International Board:** Discussion was held on the proposed member dues increase as well as increases for technical division membership. The consensus of the board was that this is the wrong time to be looking to increase dues. Several members have indicated they will be reducing the number of members or they themselves will drop their membership due to economic hard times. Strickland/Sprague moved/seconded that the Colorado SWANA chapter approve the following resolution:

The Colorado SWANA board believes that a dues increase is sending the wrong message at the wrong time. A dues increase may very well result in decreased membership, thereby decreasing SWANA revenues *and making further SWANA membership drives even more difficult.* In these hard economic times, all of the organizations that our members represent are asking their employees to do more with less. This is particularly true for Colorado SWANA members who are employed by municipal or county governments. Several Colorado organizations have stated that they will have to reconsider the number of members from their organizations if dues are increased."

Gillette stated that Larimer County has 12 members and with a dues increase he will be decreasing the number of members. Barton indicated that she had been considering adding another member but with increased membership dues will not be adding a new member. With no further discussion, the motion was called to a vote. The motion to approve the above resolution was passed unanimously.

**Website/Webmaster:** Freeman has volunteered to help set up survey monkey for voting for future needs of the chapter. Nothing else to report.

**Newsletter:** Discussion tabled to April board meeting.

**Road-E-O:** No activity at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bylaws review:** National SWANA had one comment on the proposed Bylaws amendments which needs to be corrected and then they will be ready to send to the membership at our convenience.

**Air Quality Guidance Document Stakeholder:** Nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Geotech Appreciation:** Discussion was tabled to the April Board meeting.

**30 Year Celebration:** Discussion was tabled to the April Board meeting.

**HB 1329 Solid Waste User Fee:** Charles Johnson, Joe Schieffelin, and Gary Baughman brought a short presentation to the board regarding HB 1329. The following are the bullet points from the meeting:

- Tonnages from landfills are down by 25% and are expected to remain flat for at least another one to two years with a possible 2.5% increase beginning sometime in 2011.
- Hazardous Substance Response Fund (HSRF) was raided significantly last year (\$32.5 million) to balance the general fund
- Solid waste user fee will sunset this year unless extended. The bill proposes a sunset in 2017.
- The bill proposes to fund the state Attorney General in part from HSRF related to those costs for solid waste/hazardous site issues
- The projection for significant increased costs for HSRF are projected for additional sites currently in remediation
- Projected fee increase will be \$0.41 per cubic yard effective 1 April 2011 which is an increase from the current \$0.20 per cubic yard.

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- Allow the solid waste commission to set the fees rather than the legislature will allow more timely adjustments to the rate
- Stakeholder meetings to be held this summer to discuss the fee structure and corresponding regulation.
- One primary question asked was whether the anticipated expenses were being fairly distributed among the various facilities regulated by CDPHE and if the total fee structure would be considered this summer.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be WEDNESDAY, 28 April 2010 beginning at 9 am in a meeting room at the CDPHE building. This is a change from the regular scheduled meeting time to coincide with the proposed technical luncheon workshop.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As meeting was running late, **Beul/Strickland moved/seconded** to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Barton  
Secretary

Attachments for Board Members: Calendar of Events