Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Teleconference
November 15, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

Call to Order    The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by John Welch.

Roll Call
Board Members Present
Chris                      George
Lindsey                    John
Phil                       Chad
Roxanne

Absent
Larry, Erik, Meleesa, Dave

Also Present Valerie Parker, Joe Van Rossum, Kay Turgeson, Pat O’Brien

Agenda   Motion by John second by Phil to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting   The minutes were reviewed and several changes were suggested, the
                                minutes will be updated with these changes. Motion by Chad second by John to approve the minutes
                                of the previous meeting with the changes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report   Chad compared the budget from 2018 to 2019 and highlighted on the differences.
                      Insurance will increase, programs and marketing will increase as well. A budget will be provided at the
                      December meeting. Motion by Chad second by Phil to approve the treasurer’s report. All in favor, motion
                      carried.

Committee Reports

DNR Report   Joe gave an overview of staffing. He is working to move reducing and terminating ground
             water guidance forward. Right now there is a solid waste related guidance out for comments relating to
             the definition of solid waste around iron and steel slag. Guidance around clean soil is almost complete.
             EPA is going through reorganization where they are shifting programs, it doesn’t appear there will be
             dramatic impact to subtitle c or d personnel. From a solid waste standpoint, Wisconsin will probably seek
             no changes from what is happening that level. Preparing for change of administration so new
             administration will be up to speed in January so there is little to no disruption. Staff is also working on
             disposal options for deer carcasses.

Safety Report   No update.

Membership Report   There are about 150 members. There will be a kick off meeting for next year’s
                     membership committee.
International Report  There a finalized MOU document that incorporated the recommended changes from the Badger Chapter. There has been renewed interest in forming a chapter in Michigan in the next year.

YP Report  The YP newsletter has started planning the next edition. John asked if someone has been assigned to run the YP of the Year award. George will work on it.

Social Media Report  Roxanne and Chris had a call a few weeks ago. They discussed posting original material on social media and about doing a comprehensive review about website content. Roxanne reached out to George to ask YP’s to help with social media.

Chris gave an update on ARF. We are members of the landfill study group and recycling study group. The chapter does not feel comfortable about reviewing plastics to fuel. It may be changing to how to prevent contamination of recyclables.

Advocacy Report  At the last meeting there was an action item to work on a joint letter from the organizations regarding WCA use of funding from the Environmental Management Fund. Meleesa brought this up in a recent meeting that this is a concern for SWANA and they agreed to table it until they see the letter.

LaCrosse County is advocating through WCA to waive DNR fees for residuals coming from the Excel Energy waste to energy facility. They are not talking about the ash, they are talking about material pulled out that cannot go through the incinerator. There needs to be some modifications to it first. Even if we could put percentage of residual it would put waste to energy at par with recycling. Even if we could limit the percentage of residuals would anyone be for this? John stated that the group should solidify the stance by December. The ash on the back of this is already exempt from landfill fees. It is a policy position that WCA is planning to take on. It would be a state statute change.

Programs Report  The focus has been ARF and the Road-E-O and reevaluating.

Scholarship Report  It was well received to name a scholarship after Brenda. Dave suggested to put something together explaining what Brenda meant to SWANA. The scholarships are not released by National until the beginning of 2019 but the group will start advertising before this.

Timeline Reviewed  The timeline was reviewed.

Unfinished Business

a. Administrative Assistant Contract
   The deadline for applications has been extended until November 30th. Chris and Chad will review and interview the first week or two in December.

New Business

Other Business

Next Meeting  The next meeting is scheduled in person for December 20, 2018 at 11:00 am.
Adjourn  Motion by Chad, second by Chris to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Shelby Jensen, Administrative Assistant
Approved