Call to Order  The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President John Welch.

Roll Call

Board Members Present
John Welch  Roxanne Wienkes – 11:19 am
Erik Lietz  Pat O’Brien
Phil Gearing – 10:38  Chris Anderson – 11:04 am
Brian Tippetts  Meleesa Johnson
Larry Hougom  Chad Doverspike

Others present  – Shelby Schraufnagel, Admin. Assistant; Brad Dormandy, Landfill Reduction & Recycling; Megan Hines, St. Croix County; Amanda Haffele, Dunn County; Morgan Gerk, Dunn County; Betsy Powers, SCS Engineers; Dan Michals, Foth; Randy Nedrelo, La Crosse County; Brent Filkkema, Johns Disposal; George Shereda, TRC Solutions Inc.; Brenda Quinnell, Adams County

Minutes of Previous Meeting  Motion by Larry second by Chad, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on January 19, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report  Meleesa reported that WIRMC income is listed as $11,000 but noted that this amount will increase after the event is over. WCSWAMA has forgone their share of WIRMC, that money will be distributed between SWANA and AROW. It is not guarantee for future conferences. Motion by Pat second by Erik, to approve the treasurer’s report. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

DNR Report  No report.

Safety Report  Erik reported that there were four fatalities in the industry last year and it is the safety committee’s goal to reduce fatalities and injuries. Committee members have made an effort to reach out to these entities where fatalities occurred. Brent, from Johns Disposal, had a discussion with the City of Racine who was very appreciative and passionate about improving employee safety. They are willing to share what they have been working on and would be appreciative of the safety committee efforts as well.

Erik reported that the Brown County Sheriff will present the Slow Down to Get Around law to Wisconsin’s State Sheriff’s Association. The safety committee will start a state wide marketing campaign through radio and newsprint. Target audiences will be general audience and haulers, municipalities, etc.

Lastly, several members are having issues with disposing of and identifying what is in certain
pressurized gas cylinders. The safety committee is drafting best management practices for dissemination to members.

**Membership Report** Membership has increased by 15 since October, 9 of those are YP’s and 7 of those 9 are students. Chad and Dan Michals talked to UW-Green Bay’s engineering club and George talked to UW-Madison’s geological engineering. Brad Dormandy suggested considering reaching out to full-time online students.

**International Report** The mid-year meeting is in Minneapolis. WasteCon 2017 is in conjunction with ISWA and will be held in Baltimore.

**YP Report** There are several YP activities at WIRMC, YP lounge and YP welcome event in the evening.

**Social Media Report** A safety tab was added the website that links to National’s safety page. The Badger Chapter’s own safety page will be developed soon.

**Legislative Advocacy Report** The state budget was recently released, there is no impact on our programs. It is expected that in the next few years paint care, mattress recycling and battery recycling will become a priority.

Waste Management Study Group is researching 5 topics to advocate for. These include recycling innovation, organics, alternative landfill capping, reducing ground water monitoring and C&D.

**Programs Report** Erik reported that the programs committee is interested in facilitating an Operator/Equipment Road-E-O. The committee will determine the level of engagement members would have. Case Equipment would provide the grounds.

Chris reported that the board is a part of the applied research foundation (ARF) and part of the decision process for what is researched.

**Scholarship Report** SWANA Badger Chapter’s scholarship timeline will align with National’s timeline and deadlines.

**Timeline Reviewed** Timeline was reviewed. Meleesa add that the 1099 tax form should be added to the timeline if the Administrative Assistant continues as an employee and not a contracted service.

**Unfinished Business** John reminded everyone of the ISWA and SWANA scholarship program that is giving aid to children and families in Nicaragua who live on landfills and use it as a revenue source. The scholarship program pays for schooling, meals uniforms and is a stipend to the family to keep their child in school. Pat recommends a $500 donation by the SWANA and to see if WCSWAMA would match this donation. Motion by Pat second by Chad. All in favor, motion carried.

John will inquire about how the board could get feedback on this specific donation.

**New Business** John announced that anyone who is a member of SWANA is free to sit in a monthly meetings and committee meetings.
**Other Business** Members of SWANA have been working with Rob Michitsch and staff of the College of Natural Resources to identify individuals or corporations that may be interested in funding an Endowed Chair for the Waste Management program at UW-Stevens Point.

**Next Meeting** The next meeting is scheduled via teleconference on March 23rd, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

**Adjourn** Motion by Pat, second by Chad to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Shelby Schraunfagel, Administrative Assistant
Approved