

SVSWMA Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

Board Members Present:

Teresa Sweeney, Vicki Esposito, Jenny Johnson, Joe Benedetto, Sandy Warner, Sheldon Cash, Brandon King, Robert Waschler

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Blevins

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Benedetto made the motion to approve the December 14, 2016 minutes, seconded by Ms. Warner and it was then carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

The checking account financials as of January 11, 2017 were reported as \$25,460.27 and the CD as \$13,775.23. Ms. Warner discussed the possibility of SVSWMA becoming a non-profit, 501-E and recommended hiring a lawyer and an accountant to determine the best way for SVSWMA to proceed. There are several advantages to becoming a non-profit, including no sales tax, memberships would be a tax exemption & profits go back into the organization. The recommendation of the Board was to proceed with finding an accountant and a lawyer. Suggestions from Board members were, Gwynn & Waddell, P.C. and VT Knowledge Works.

Mr. Cash made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Johnson and it was then carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

The Board retreat has helped members strive to make improvements to the SVSWMA and concentrate on how our association is unique. Some of the ideas for improvement from Board members include:

- Working with NRVRC to improve our accounting
- Make website improvements
- Have better organization of CEU's
- Send a spreadsheet to DPOR with CEU information
- Plan for deadlines for conference programs, vendors, speakers, etc...
- Plan a budget

The Board also discussed how we feel that SVSWMA is a unique association. Some of the reasons are as follows:

- Members range from landfill personnel to Solid Waste Engineers
- Programs and speakers focus on topics that range from day to day operations to landfill gas, odor control, well monitoring, etc...
- Variety of tours and entertainment

All Board meetings have been scheduled for 2017 and committee members have been selected.

2017 Conference

SVSWMA members voiced their opinion at the December quarterly meeting, that they would like for the 2017 conference to be in Bristol. Mr. Cash made a motion for the 2017 conference to be in Bristol, seconded by Mr. Bendetto and it was then carried by unanimous voice vote.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn and the dates TBA.

Next Meeting

Our next Board meeting will be February 8, 2017 at the RVRA.

The Programs Committee will be working on scheduling the March Quarterly Meeting. Some ideas were the Washington County Higher Learning Center, a LEED certified building. Another possibility is the Region 2000 odor mitigation program.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Esposito made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnson and it was then carried by unanimous voice vote.