Solid Waste Association of North America Oklahoma Indian Nations Chapter Executive Committee Meeting 11/18/2020 Minutes

Opening Items:

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chris Knight called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

People in attendance included Paul Streets, Gregg Vance, Brett Scovill. People who joined via phone included Tim Stephens, Brenda Merchant, Keima Kona, Chris Knight, Jeff Shepard, Matt Faulkner, and Patrick Riley.

3. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chris opened the meeting wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday week.

4. Minutes from October 21, 2020 Meeting.

The Minutes from the October 21, 2020 Meeting were approved (MSC: Shepherd, Streets).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Shepherd reported that the accounts have been transferred to him and that there is currently over \$61,000 in the bank account. There was nothing that needed approval from the board. Jeff communicated that he will work on having the yearly financial documents ready for the January meeting.

2021 Conference Discussion

Chris Knight informed the board that he sent out save the date notices and that he has received several responses from vendors, but that the Hard Rock Hotel has not been able to fully commit to hosting the conference. The Hard Rock expressed concerns that there are still a lot of unknowns due to Covid. Chris proposed that if we can't get a commitment by March 1st that we cancel the event and refund any money that was collected towards the event. Brenda recommended that we send out some information in January explaining the possibility of canceling the event and how we would refund participants money. After a brief discussion, everyone agreed that this was a suitable plan of action.

WEP Training

Chris spoke about WEP training being held on Tuesday March 23rd at the Hard Rock Hotel. This is the Tuesday before the conference and some concerns were expressed. Chris talked about the advantages of scheduling WEP this way and everyone agreed that it was a good idea. Patrick did want everyone to know that DEQ may still have some restrictions in place that may prohibit their ability to perform the WEP training at the Hard Rock. Patrick did communicate that if DEQ is prohibited to perform training at the Hard Rock, then they will ensure that a virtual training class will take place.

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Chapter Website Update

Chris communicated that Event Brite would have to be used for the event registration.

Safety Ambassador Report

Nothing to report

YP Report

Chris followed up with the idea of making videos that would educate students and future members on how to enter the solid waste industry. It was asked that if anyone had any ideas or videos that would be considered helpful to send them to Keima.

Treasurer Discussion

Jeff recommended and volunteered to create an email that would be posted on the webpage to handle any member correspondence.

New Business

Chris asked that everyone review the Covid Safety Liability Release form that he sent out with the registration form. It was recommended by Paul that we communicated safety expectations and precautions to the Hard Rock Hotel prior to the conference.

Chris discussed the idea to waive conference fees to serving board members. After discussing, Brenda recommend that this be voted on yearly and a motion was approved and all voted for waiving board members fees for the 2021 conference. (MSC: Vance, Stephens)

Old Business

Nothing to report

Meeting Adjournment

A Motion was made and approved for adjournment (MSC: Faulkner, Shepherd).