

**THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

September 15, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Fred Gabriel at ~10:30 AM EST.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present. (Board Members underlined): Fred Gabriel; Rob Denny; Marty Fitzpatrick; Cary Hamilton; Wayne Buhler; Ed Cranson; Bonnie McCarvel; Jen McLaughlin; Kevin Neal; Eric Laut; Nancy Fitz; Joe Hoffman; Lois Levitan; Don Mullins; Sam Gibson; Roger Springman; Derrick Bell; Allan Hovis; Jack Peterson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 28, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Fitz. Ed Cranson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

No updates

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statements were submitted by Bonnie. As of July 31, 2009, the checking account balance is \$49,702.08.

2010 CONFERENCE

- The revised addendum to the hotel contract has been submitted. We have been relieved of our room commitment for Wednesday night. The hotel has also agreed to lower the government rate. We are only contracted for ten rooms on Saturday night.
- The suggestion was made that online reservations for the conference begin in November
- There needs to be a determination made on whether or not we want a theme for the conference.

- Discussions took place on utilizing one session slot for the ACRC. We may want to include a traditional container recycling session to accommodate them. A Recycling Mini Bulks session may also pertain to this group. Sam might have a contact to be a speaker for this
- We need to integrate international topics within some of the sessions. Perhaps we should have a workshop.
- Breakfast roundtables were added to both days of the conference to encompass additional topics.
- The Communication Committee should have a meeting during the conference. This may fill a breakfast round table slot.
- A suggestion was made to include the discussion of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. This permit is due to implement in 2010 and will affect many participants, as Ag has always been exempt from this rule. This may be a panel type session.
- Seed Treatment and Over Application of Pesticide are both topics that may be of interest.
- The NPDES permit and the Seed issues might tie together in one session as they are both new EPA issues. A session can be formed as an Introduction to Emerging Issues.
- It was agreed that we could offer Non-Profit organizations three registrations for the price of two. The names of the individuals would need to be included at the time of registration.
- TPSA needs a marketing effort to get new email addresses, as many on our listserv are invalid. Verbiage will be added to the next postcard requesting updates of information.
- We will leave Sunday open for an optional fun event during the day. There are four different walking tours in the area. There is also a riverboat cruise very close to the hotel that might be an option for Sunday, or as an off-site event on Tuesday. Fred will look into this.
- The Board Meeting will be scheduled from 2:00pm – 3:30pm on Sunday and the Plenary will begin at 4:00 pm. This will allow more attendees to travel on Sunday and arrive on time.
- Lois will update all changes made to the tentative schedule and resubmit to the Board.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

An email will be sent to check availability for the next board meeting. Possible dates are during the week of October 12th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at ~ 12:35 PM EST.

[Submitted by Jennifer McLaughlin, October 14, 2009, Approved October 15, 2009]