

THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE

November 14, 2013 MEETING Minutes

Board Present:

Bryan Gran
Nancy Fitz
Jeff Rogers
Kristine Schaefer
Jerry Krebs
Ron Perkins

Officers Present:

Ples Spradley
Jack Peterson
Pam Hodge
Don Bradley

Committee Chairs Present:

Derrick Bell

Absent:

Allan Hovis
Scott Birchfield
Rodney Neal

Guests:

Joe Hoffman
Bonnie McCarvel

Call to Order

TPSA Board Chairman Bryan Gran called the meeting to order at 10:04 am CST. Pam Hodge took roll call. A quorum of board members were present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Chairman Bryan Gran reminded everyone present to abide by the Anti-Trust & Fair Trade Practice Guidelines which TPSA had adopted as policy previously and were included with the board meeting notice. Chairman Gran reminded everyone that only the board members could vote on a motion, however everyone was welcome to provide input during the meeting.

The Minutes from the September 26, 2013 minutes were presented for approval.

Approval of minutes

September 26, 2013 meeting minutes were presented by Secretary Pam Hodge for approval of the board. Kristine Schaefer made a motion to approve minutes as written and provided, Jeff Rogers seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Don Bradley presented the Treasurers report to the board members. Bryan Gran asked for questions regarding the report, no questions asked. Kristine Schaefer made a motion to approve the report and Jerry Krebs seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Annual Conference: Nancy Fitz announced that Dr. Charles Pearson, Head of Syngenta Product Safety will be the key note speaker. There are three full tracks for the conference; track 1-Pesticide Safety Issues, track 2-Pesticide Container Disposal, track 3-Ag Plastics. The agenda and conference information is now on the website. Everyone should try to forward the announcement to two or three organizations that may be interested and any other organizations you would like to send it to can be forwarded to Bonnie McCarvel to add to the distribution list.

Jack Peterson reported on the silent auction items. Donation requests were sent out but response has been slow. A live auction will be conducted on site with the "hot items" and the remainder will be silent auction. Pictures of the items will be presented and the winner of the action will be sent each item directly so they will not need to try to send it home or pack it onto a plane with them on their return flight.

Volunteers were requested for providing lap top computers and projectors for the 3 meeting rooms: Jack Peterson, Ples Spradley and Kristine Schaefer all volunteered to provide their equipment.

Bryan Gran explained the offsite event for the conference will be a Riverboat tour of Mission Bay. It is a 2 hour cruise with the boat open and docked for participants for one hour prior to cruise and one hour after at the hotel. Three types of hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available on the boat.

Bryan Gran also discussed the trade show will only have 14 spaces this year and they will have approximately 10' x 10 space provided for table top displays or pop up displays. There will also be space provided for white paper postings on easels for participants to view.

Jack Peterson discussed the Board member elections. There are 1 to 4 candidates for each position. December 10th voting ballots will be sent to all members for voting for the candidates. Closing day to vote will be February 4, 2014 and all positions will be announced at the conference on February 5th, 2014.

By Law Changes: Changes to the by-laws were discussed further; after the attorney reviewed the current by-laws it was discovered that they were in need of revision in order to comply with the DC Statutes (where TPSA is incorporated) and IRS laws. A Q&A paper was sent to all members to help explain the changes and why they were being made to assist with their decisions for voting. Any stake holders having questions or concerns are urged to contact Ples Spradley or Bryan Gran for further explanation. Jack Peterson wanted to give special thanks to

the Ples and Bryan who put so much time and effort into revising the by-laws to ensure the organization remains as a 501C3 non-profit organization by staying within the requirements of the IRS and DC Statutes. Jack Peterson, election chair, then reviewed the process for the vote on the restated bylaws.

Communications: Kristine Schaefer; 2014 goals: Updates to the website with the latest Conference topics; Conduct Public Service Campaign for container recycling; Build an information exchange of container recyclers on the web page; and Develop campaigns one for PPE and one for Drift control management. The communication committee will be hiring a media company to produce banners and ads for the webpage from the 2013 budget.

Membership: Derrick Bell reported that 5 new members joined TSPA in October and the current membership is 106. A revision to the membership application will be made to help clarify member industry classifications. By listing a primary and secondary classification the board of directors can better serve the membership. The board and officers were requested to submit names of persons/organizations for potential member interest. The webinar attendee list from the pesticide container recycling webinar that was presented by TSPA will be used to send out membership requests and/or conference attendance.

International Stewardship: Nancy Fitz provided an update for Don Mullens regarding the “Do NOT Reuse Empty Pesticide Containers” Brochure progress. The final edits and distribution is planned by the end of 2013.

Stewardship Award report: Ples Spradley still needs nominees for the awards. As this time he has not received any nominations yet. Early December Bonnie McCarvel will send another round of email requests for nominations. December 11th is the deadline to submit nominations.

New Business

Rodney Neal has chosen to resign his position on the board. Kristine Schaefer made a motion to accept the resignation, Nancy Fitz seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

Legal Counsel, Barbara Dunn has changed firms. Ron Perkins moved to continue to retain Barbara Dunn as legal counsel and change the firm to Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, Jeff Rogers seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. (Policy 15 has been revised to reflect this change.)

2015 Conference Sites/Dates:

Bonnie discussed the 2015 Annual Conference locations. Of the two suggested locations the costs were significantly high. Savanna, Georgia was discussed as an alternative and rates at the Desoto Hilton were researched and the cost would be more in line with participant expense budgets. Ron Perkins made a motion that Savanna, Georgia be the 2015 Conference location with the Hilton Savannah Desoto the hotel for the conference. Kristine Schaefer seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

2014 Budget: Discussions of the 2014 budget were tabled at this time by Chairman Gran. A special meeting of the board will be called in a couple weeks to finalize the 2014 budget after all the information is available. Bryan Gran and Bonnie McCarvel will work with Don Bradley to finalize the numbers to present to the board.

Pesticide Disposal Proposal

Fitz requested that an ad hoc committee be developed to work on this if budget is approved for it.

Next Board Meeting

February 4th, 2014 1:00pm – 5:00pm on site at annual conference.

Adjournment

11:26 am Chairman Bryan Gran called to adjourn, Ron Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Rogers seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hodge, TPSA Secretary