

THE PESTICIDE STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 14, 2013 10 am CST

A meeting of the Board of Directors of The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance was held on May 14th at 10 am Central Standard Time via conference call.

Board Present:

Scott Birchfield	Nancy Fitz
Bryan Gran	Jerry Krebs
Ron Perkins	Jeffrey Rogers

Officers Present:

Don Bradley – Treasurer
Pam Hodge – Secretary
Jack Peterson – Vice President
Ples Spradley - President

Others Present:

Derrick Bell – Membership Chair
Don Mullins – International Stewardship Chair
Cary Hamilton – Immediate Past President.

Absent:

Liza Fleeson – Industry
Joe Hoffman – Haz.Waste Chair
Allan Hovis – Sponsorship co-Chair
Rodney Neal - Board
Kristine Schaefer - Board

Call to Order

TPSA Board Chairman Bryan Gran called the meeting to order at 10:04 am CST and 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 all on the conference call 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 then announced the treasurer's report would be moved up on the agenda, before the secretary's report and an additional item "Possible Pesticide Disposal Database" would be added as point f under New Business.

Treasurer's Report

Don Bradley provided the treasury report for the current state of the 2013 balance sheet and the financial report from the conference. The current financial status is in the best state historically as it ever has been.

Nancy Fitz seconded moved to accept the Treasurer's report Scott Birchfield, motion carried.

Approval of minutes

February 5th Meeting minutes were presented by Secretary Pam Hodges. Ples Spradley moved to approve minutes as written and provided to the board, Ron Perkins seconded the motion, motion carries.

February 6th meeting minutes were presented by Secretary Pam Hodges. Scott Birchfield moved to approve minutes as written and provided to the board, Ron Perkins seconded the motion, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Annual Conference: Fitz and Gran provided a short summary of the 2013 conference. Discussion followed.

Elections & bylaws committee: Spradley and Peterson will be preparing a list of terms that are up for 2013 and will discuss at the July meeting.

Communications Committee: Nancy Fitz presented Kristine Schaefer report for the Communication Committee (below) as Kristine was not able to attend the meeting.

Communications Committee Report, written by Kristine Schaefer:

1. First I want to thank Nancy, Maria, and Bonnie for helping me get involved in the committee duties. I appreciate their help and look forward to their continued support as I try to cover the communications committee chair responsibilities.
2. The TPSA website has been revised slightly and updated with new information – particularly 2013 TPSA conference notes and presentations and Bee Health information.
3. Significant planning has been done on the upcoming webinar, “Mini Bulk / IBCs: Best Practices for Rinsing and Recycling - from TPSA,” focused primarily on growers – Nancy is leading this project.
4. The revision and update of the guidance document on cleaning minibulks is in full swing with a conference call scheduled for May 23. Nancy is the lead on this.

Membership Committee: Committee chair Derrick Bell gave a report of the current membership numbers as of 4/17/2013; membership is 106 which includes 34 individuals and 70 organizations and 2 retired. The membership committee will develop and disperse a membership drive letter within the next couple of weeks. Derrick will present any feedback received from the drive at the July meeting.

International Stewardship: Nothing to report at this time

Stewardship Awards: Ples Spradley did not have a current report regarding nominations but asked the board and members to help identify nominees for the award.

Ag Plastics Workgroup: Board Chairman Gran reported that he and President Spradley has contacted Lois Levitan to discuss the role of ag plastic for the 2014 conference and that they needed a person to head up the tract by May 14. No name was submitted and as a result, Gran reported ag plastics will not be a part of the tracts for the 2014 conference. If someone is identified at a later date it would be for the 2015 conference.

Old Business

Sponsor levels: Chairman Gran discussed the possibility of increasing the sponsor levels for 2013. After review and discussion, recommended that the sponsor levels be kept at the rate they are at and instead work on getting additional companies to be sponsors. Discussion followed. General consensus was to follow this plan.

New Business

2014 Conference Business: Nancy Fitz spoke about the schedule that has been drafted to have a final agenda in place by October 31, 2013. Nancy requested people to email conference topics to her. Discussion followed on board meeting time for February 4; possible tract leaders and topics; off-site event, and keynote speakers. This will be discussed in greater detail at the July meeting.

July Meeting: July 29 – 31st 2013, Minnetonka, MN at the Syngenta Headquarters. Agenda is in process. Birchfield to get hotel options to Gran by June 1, 2013.

2015 Conference Sites/Dates: Gran stated that he, Ed Cranson, Fitz, and McCarvel would be working on possible options. Anyone with ideas can contact anyone of them.

Fiscal Year: Ples Spradley moved to develop a proposal to change the bylaws which state the fiscal year is January 1- December 31 to September 1st through August 31st. Jack Peterson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Gran named Bradley, Spradley, and himself to work with McCarvel to develop plan of action for review at the July 30 meeting.

Possible Pesticide Disposal Database: Fitz presented a proposal to create a Pesticide Disposal Database which could be updated by states with TPSA as the host site. General consensus was that TPSA was interested but would like more details. Bell offered to assist Fitz with the updated proposal which would be discussed at the July 30 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no more business, Chairman Bryan Gran adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hodge, TPSA Secretary