



**Minnesota Chapter Workshop  
Tuesday June 28th, 2022  
Lake Minnewashta Regional Park Shelter  
Lakeview 6900 Hazeltine Blvd  
Chanhassen, MN 55331**

**In attendance:**

Paul Dennison – Chisago County

Bill Fouks – Carver County

Ryan Gastecki – Hennepin County

Dustin Heidinger – Carver County

Ahnika Hesbjerg – Anoka County

Richard Jones – Scott County

Matt Kruger – Clean Harbors

Jon Knight - Scott County

Cheryl Lofrano-Zaske - Stantec

Scott Martin – Olmsted County

Pete Miller – Ramsey County

Matt Nelson – Carver County

Kristi Otterson – Dakota County

Diane Ruddle – Clean Harbors

Jake Saffert - Paintcare

Melissa Turner – Clean Harbors

Jennifer Volkman - MPCA

**Treasurer Report**

- Minnesota Chapter balance -\$13,916
- Expenses have been low during pandemic.

**Secretary Report**

- Previous workshop minutes approved.
- NAHMMA National Conference July 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Richard Jones is attending and will plan on giving a short review to the group at our next chapter workshop.
- NAHMMA Communications Committee is taking over a column in Waste Advantage Magazine previously written monthly by Dave Nightingale. NAHMMA members are encouraged to submit any articles or ideas to Dustin Heidinger.

**Chapter Elections**

- There were no opposed board members.
- Kristi Otterson stepped up to take the Vice President position for the next cycle.
- Ryan Gastecki voiced interest as staying on the board as an adjunct member. Chapter membership voted in favor of this motion. By-laws will be edited to reflect this change.

## **The makeup of the Minnesota Chapter Board for the next one-year cycle is as follows:**

President: Jake Saffert

Vice President: Kristi Otterson

Secretary: Dustin Heidinger

Treasurer: Cheryl Lofrano-Zaske

Past President: Bill Fouks

Adjunct: Teresa Gilbertson

Adjunct: Jennifer Volkman

Adjunct Non-Voting: Ryan Gastecki

### **NAHMMA Policy Update – Jennifer Volkman**

- Committee is working on new fact sheets.
- Managing flares - manufactures do not like to take them back.
- Recommendation of product stewardship process.
- If any chapter has legislation pending in line with product stewardship, that chapter is welcome to send a letter in support of legislation.
- No update on two-part foam cylinders.

### **NAHMMA Expansion Discussion**

- Jennifer Volkman pointed out that national byways do not allow for chapter redistricting, this should be done at the chapter level.
- Membership would like more information about a plan to include Canada, outreach, how they would be included etc.
- Discussion about MN Chapter making a formal statement.
- A motion was approved to accept North Dakota and South Dakota into a potential new chapter boundary but not extended the boundary into Canada.

### **Staffing at HHW facilities**

- State contract not intended for permanent contractor staff.
- Facility should have separate contracts for staffing with their vendor.

### **Carver**

- 2-4 full time county staff during collection
- 2 part time county staff
- 1 vendor supplied technician
- Intermittent seasonal staff

## **Ramsey**

- Bay West
- Price of labor increasing
- Pay Bay West per participant
- Bay West owns and operates the facility

## **Anoka**

- One Veolia technician
- 1-2 temp staff

## **Scott**

- 3-4 full time county staff during collection
- 1 seasonal staff

## **Olmsted (4 county region)**

- 4 County staff
- No temps
- No seasonal
- HHW Participation 15-20k

## **Hennepin**

- Republic staff

## **Chisago**

- Two part time staff that roughly add up to one FTE

## **Dakota**

- Staffed by Gopher Resources
- 4 full time staff
- In the process of hiring 2 part time staff
- No longer using college student labor
- Having a hard time siting new facility
- Hope to staff new facility with county staff

## **Duty officer/Emergency response discussion**

- Carver County had a call with chemicals in basement and resulted in the bomb squad picking up directly from resident's home. Initially the duty officer was called but was unsure of the correct organization to handle the situation.
- There is a desire to better define the correct pathways to take when high hazard situations arise at a resident's home or arrive at a facility to reduce the risk of an incident or injury.
- The emergency response contract is accessible to HHW facilities.
- There are also local hazmat teams but who and where they are needs to be clarified.

- Acid and Cyanide jugs were turned away from a facility and arrived at another. Acid and Cyanide jugs were turned away from a facility and arrived at another. The jugs were turned away and the caller was given a card to contact Dakota County (the only metro county willing to accept VSQG waste from outside their county). Dakota didn't think the waste should go back out on the road and contacted the DO for assistance. DO didn't correctly manage Dakota's inquiry. MPCA ER followed up and will send/has sent the ER contractor out to overpack the waste for proper disposal.
- A group to update S.O.P's and define a procedure for situations that are immediately dangerous to life and health was suggested.
- No formal decision was made at the meeting on how to help better define a process. Discussion is intended to continue.

## **Adjourn**