

NM SWANA ROADRUNNER CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

General Membership and Officers Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 - Remote Zoom Meeting

Submitted by JoAnne Weaver, Executive Secretary

Reviewed and Edited by Ken Ziegler, Secretary

Board Members and Guests in Attendance: Charles Fiedler, Shane Johnson, Matt Kingsley, Randall Kippenbrock, Rafael Leos, Martin Lucero, Douglas Schimic, Shirlene Sitton, Ken Ziegler and JoAnne Weaver

I. Call to Order: SWANA NM RR Chapter Business Meeting

Shirlene Sitton, President, called the monthly Chapter Meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

II. Safety Minute

Martin Lucero, the Roadrunner Chapter Safety Ambassador, presented ***Heavy Equipment Operation Safety Report*** as follows:

Heavy equipment is used on many different kinds of work sites all around the world. This equipment is very effective for the job it was designed to do, but it can also be very hazardous. Proper work planning as well as operating equipment within it's designed limits are important basic steps for safe operation.

Hazards of Heavy Equipment

- **Struck-by hazards:** Heavy equipment is responsible for many injuries and fatalities in the workplace. Ground personnel are far too often struck by equipment when they are in the line of fire.
- **Property damage:** When operators do not see vehicles, materials, objects, tools, buildings, etc. in their area of operation property damage occurs. These damages cost employers millions of dollars a year in losses.
- **Contact with powerlines:** Equipment should stay at least 10 feet away from powerlines and poles. When voltage of the lines increase, the distance to stay away from lines also needs to increase.
- **Leaks:** Leaks can cause issues in the equipment as well as damage to the environment. Many project owners have a very strict zero-tolerance policy when it comes to leaks.
- **Equipment failure:** Hydraulic or other systems that fail can cause a major incident.

Best Practices Relating to Heavy Equipment Operation

- All equipment should be inspected prior to use. Any problems found with equipment should be corrected before it is used.

- Equipment should have seatbelts and a roll-overprotective system to protect the operator in case of roll over or crash.
- Work areas should be properly delineated, and enough space given to heavy equipment to operate properly. Clear out all unnecessary personnel, objects, and vehicles from where the equipment is operating.
- Operators should complete a walk-around of their equipment every time before getting back into the cab to be sure no objects, people, or vehicles are in a blind spot.
- Proper training and fit-for-work. Employees need to be familiar with the equipment that they operate. Employees also need to ensure that they are not operating equipment if they are excessively fatigued or sick.

III. Approval of December 14, 2021, Meeting Minutes

MSC: Martin Lucero and Matt Kingsley to approve the December 14, 2021, minutes as presented.

IV. Approval of December 31, 2021, Financial Reports

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V. Old Business – Further Discussion of Plans for 2022 Road-E-O

Shirlene Sitton and Shane Johnson, Road-E-O Committee reported that the SurveyMonkey to determine interest in NM Facilities participating in the April 2022 Road-E-O and Conference to be held in Lubbock, TX had been developed by Shane with Shirlene responding to him with her ideas. They hope to have the information finalized yet this week.

Shane mentioned that there was a video available to help people understand the TxSWANA Road-E-O and conference. Charles Fiedler recommended that the video be used to help the facilities understand what they were being asked to participate in.

VI. New Business – Should the Lunch `n Learn webinars be continued into 2022?

Charles Fiedler who has hosted the webinars since late summer of 2021 recommended that they be continued as there is an interest by the participants to do so. However, Charles cannot continue to host the events.

With advice from Charles, Martin Lucero is to take the lead in planning for 2022 Lunch `n Learn Webinars beginning with the last Wednesday of February 2022.

VII. 2021/2022 Committee Reports

- **Nominating Committee:** Shirlene Sitton, President and Chair of this committee indicated that there was nothing to report this month.
- **Education/Training Committee:** Charles Fiedler the host for the Lunch `n Learn Webinars reported the following regarding the Wednesday, December 29, 2021:

Charles Fiedler, host for the Lunch `n Learn Webinars reported as follows:

- Eight persons attended this Lunch `n Learn webinar whose topic was ***LFG Data Collection and Analysis.***

- JoAnne Weaver, Executive Secretary, reported that NMED-SWB is not able to publish a full schedule of training classes in January for 2022, as had been planned. There will however be a Transfer Station Certification course held in Moriarty in March for 23 persons whose facilities are in most dire need of trained staff members.

Hopefully, other courses such as Landfill Operator Certification can be scheduled sometime during 2022.

- **Road-E-O Committee:** The report for this committee is noted under Old Business held earlier in this meeting.
- **Safety Committee:** Martin Lucero, Safety Committee Chair, explained EVSWA's Safety Program. The innovate award EVSWA received resulted from enabling employees to be in contract through a safety incentive program. The program requires employees to complete deliverables and at the end of their contract term they are able to receive a safety incentive, which amounts to a monetary value. Shirlene Sitton, President, suggested that Mr. Lucero do a small meeting to discuss his program in more detail at a later time. Mr. Lucero agreed to do so.
- **Legislative Committee:** Charles Fiedler, committee chair noted that the legislature has been called into session during January, but there are no solid waste items noted on the agenda. They are, however, looking for ways to spend funds so facilities that have projects that need extra funds should contact their legislative representatives.
- **AB Region 2 and National Reports:** Charles Fiedler, Committee Chair, reported as follows: **SOAR 2022**, SWANA's new premier technical spring conference, is taking place **March 21-24, 2022, in Kansas City, MO**. Replacing SWANapalooza, SOAR brings together professionals and experts from ALL disciplines of the resource management community, offering technical education, networking events, peer-to-peer learning and actionable, fact-based solutions to advance the future of resource management. This technical conference connects experts and problem-solvers in industry-changing conversations about your most complex challenges.
- **Advocacy Report:** Shirlene Sitton, President, reported that she had participated in an Advocacy Group on January 10, 2022, and they had excellent information that she would like to share from slides with the Board and the NMSWANA Membership.

VIII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.