

Minutes from OKRA Board Meeting Dec. 7, 2007 Held at the M.e.t. – 11:00 a.m.

Here are a few highpoints from our OKRA Board Meeting last Friday. Ellen is without power, so thought I would help her out. (Hope everyone is staying warm this week!)

Next board meeting was set for Friday, Feb. 8, 11:00am-1:00pm at the M.e.t. This meeting will focus on OKRA organizational structure, esp. workgroup operations. Susie will update the workgroup list and contact information.

ADVOCACY WORKGROUP

Potential Oklahoma legislation (discussion)

Rep. Ryan Kiesel-D introduced shell of rural recycling bill- we brainstormed ideas for language:

1. Interim study for rural recycling needs
2. Update county solid waste plans with focus on identifying recycling markets in each county
3. Start-up funding for small recycling collection businesses
4. Develop searchable database for Oklahoma recycling vendors

Sen. Susan Paddock-D (Oklahoma state recycling goal bill still alive from last year-Michael announced Rep Chris Benge-R agreed to co-sponsor in house; Susie and/or Bryce will look for EPA guide for measurement of recycling data – DEQ will need it to calculate at bean count for state goal). She is also interested in an e-waste bill. (Traci said a ban on e-waste could be handled by OKC & Tulsa, but not smaller cities. 2008 session starts Feb. 4 and ends May 30.

National Efforts in the works (reported by Recycle Michael)

National Bottle Bill
National Certification Standards for E-waste

MARKET DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP

Susie will order a Resource Recycling 2008 market guide (\$55)

MATERIALS EXCHANGE WORKGROUP

New chair, Chris Daniels (Goodwill, OKC), was unable to attend due to a Goodwill board meeting

K-12 EDUCATION (Kimball via speakerphone)

Hannah Gregory is still working on 3 educational recycling kits for school programs (to be housed in Stillwater/Tulsa/OKC)

Sarah requested letters for support from DEQ & OKRA (Susie will handle)

COMMUNICATIONS/OUTREACH WORKGROUP

Outreach Event: Open to all membership – picnic to be held Sat., May 10, possibly at OKC Zoo (Ande)

ARD Report (Shields has notebook of all ARD information developed)

Total pledges=3,864 (never received pledges submitted to national ARD website)

Total packets distributed=49

Susie was disappointed Recycle America got so much ARD press and they never mentioned our Oklahoma ARD website; they also blew us off when asked to be an ARD sponsor. Ellen

was disappointed the M.e.t.'s newsletter did not mention the state contest last year or this year.

Will prepare and distribute 6 press releases to local media in areas that have local winners.

Includes:

1. Tulsa/Broken Arrow/Collinsville (3 winners)
2. OKC/Yukon/Choctaw/Edmond (4 winners)
3. Shidler/Newkirk (2 winners-Ponca City area)
4. Ada (1 winner)
5. Muskogee (1 winner)
6. Clayton (1 winner – send to McAlester/Hugo)

Needs help in delivery of prizes (Garold Beasley helping with 2 in Tulsa metro; Ellen suggested we ask David Golden from the Ada DEQ to pick up lawnmower next time he is in the office & deliver it to Tom Cooper; paper winners will pick up prizes at Staples; small prizes will be mailed)

Will send Michael a reimbursement invoice & receipts for prize purchases and website hosting fee (about \$725 total), but OEMA and SWANA will need to pay their sponsor invoices before expenses are reimbursed.

Michael paid \$165 of invoice on website work by Red Earth Design. KOB will pay remaining

January Newsletter (Trudi Logan was commended for her first effort – please send submissions ASAP to her at: Trudi.Logan@tinker.af.mil)

Announcement that OKRA memberships may now be paid via PayPal (PP password is Recycling Oklahoma)

May 10 picnic (Ande)

ARD pledges & prizes recap, including winner list/photos (Susie)

M.e.t. ARD awards/photos (?Ande/Julie?)

Event photos with captions or short blurbs (eWaste collection/Ada HHW/compost contest/recycle olympics, etc.-everyone send)

Best water filters & reusable water bottles – follow-up to bottled water article in last issue (Susie)

New Collinsville recycling center (Ande)

Legislation (who will write?)

Calendar of events (Susie will compile – everyone please send to:

Susie.shields@deq.state.ok.us)