

**Minutes of Southern Region Animal Waste Team  
October 6, 2005, Raleigh, NC**

Attendance:

John Worley	Ted Tyson
Tommy Bass	Karl Van Devender
John Chastain	Mark Rice
Rick Koelsch	Sanjay Shah
Frank Humenik	Mark Risse

Mark Risse opened the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Initial discussion centered around a new National Facilitation project funded by CSREES called the National Animal Agriculture Learning Center. Rick Koelsch, Mark Risse, Frank Humenik, and Joe Harrison are the P.I.'s on this project. Dr. Koelsch explained the objective of this project and provided a hand-out. After considerable discussion and input on how the regional efforts could contribute to this new learning center, it was decided that our role should be one of an advisory nature and to perhaps facilitate with the marketing and distribution efforts of the Learning Center. This will require good communication and advance knowledge of upcoming Center activities. Further discussions will be held at the National Conference in San Antonio on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 10:30 am.

We then discussed the newsletter. Sanjay was commended for his leadership in getting the second issue out. We discussed several ideas for future topic areas including litter amendments, litter storage, pathogens, and large animal composting. Sanjay has established a schedule for articles to appear and will contact the authors as needed. Also, **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT NEWSWORTHY ITEMS AND EVENTS**. We also discussed distribution of the newsletter. Mark agreed to contact Diane to see if we could set up a subscription mechanism on the website. After this is established, we all need to forward the link to State groups including commodity organizations, NRCS, Environmental groups, farm bureau, and other interested parties. This will help get the word out.

The waste sessions at the Lexington, KY regional conference were discussed. We have three concurrent sessions and two workshops being offered. **OUR GROUP WILL BE MEETING AT 4 PM IN THE LEXINGTON ROOM ON OCTOBER, 25**. While we will cover some business, most of this meeting will be devoted to interfacing with some Kansas Livestock agents that have requested our assistance.

The item of a regional resource library was tabled.

The remainder of the meeting was spent brainstorming ideas for future activities. We came to general consensus that we would:

- Continue with newsletter
- Work in an integrated systematic matter with the newly formed NAAWQ

- Investigate the possibility of doing a tag along conference or workshop as part of the 2006 National Poultry Waste Management Symposium.
- John Worley and Tommy Bass agreed to coordinate the development of a EPA Environmental Education or SARE PDP grant to fund training activities and travel for agents to attend “poultry type” training activities.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 6:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mark Risse.