

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 2020

Location: conference call

Attending were: Matthew Hittle, John Woodman, Michael Darling, Abby Anderson, Molly Kathleen, Taylor Greely, Carol Giulitto, Erin Oulton, Maria Ortiz, Jason Radtke and Brad Petry. Also attending were Tammi Rogers (Coshocton County LP, Lauren Koch (Western Medical Center), Jenn Jones (GT Joint SWMD), and Michael Streng (ORC).

Call to Order: John called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Minutes for the June 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Brad moved to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes. Molly seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the previous month was presented and discussed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report for May was made by Jason. Brad seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Action Items from last month's meeting:

All – Come up with content for rotating banner/website ideas – still need ideas. The virtual meetings was added.

John:

- Schedule a call for board/ strategic for membership drive – need to do
- Add Jason Radke to Google Drive – will confirm this was done
- Send out a messaging for October event cancellation as an email – will talk about this today
- John reach out to SWACO – need to do this

Carol/Maria:

- Continue to follow up with NRC about membership dues - done

Matt:

- Confirm with insurance regarding a coming invoice – invoice was paid

Molly/Erin:

- Messaging for October event cancellation on website – will talk about this today.

Josh

- Reach out to Habitat for Humanity – not interested at this time

Michael:

– Reach out to accurate IT – not interested at this time

Erin agreed to take the action items for today's meeting.

Board Member Recruitment

Per the action items, Habitat for Humanity and Accurate IT are not interested at this point. It was verified that there are two current vacancies that both expire on December 31, 2021. They seat are for an at-large member and an individual. John will check with SWACO [action item]. Jason mentioned the tissue manufacturing company Essity near Middletown. Also mentioned were Innovative Organics, Proctor and Gamble and Abbot Foods. We will keep them in mind in the future since we already have a couple of paper recyclers on the Board. GT Joint SWMD and Hamilton County SWMD were two others that we've been in communication with. Jen Jones with GT was on the call and Hamilton county was hoping for a new employee could potentially join, but they have not filled the position and just lost another person. As we were brainstorming, Erin mentioned she had contacts at Honda and she agreed to reach out to them to see if they would be interested [action item].

Committee Updates

Governance Committee – nothing to report at this time.

Communications and Programming – There was discussion concerning the content for the next newsletter. Jason and Royal Paper were mentioned as potential for the member spotlight. We will also include information/update on the status of our fall workshop and the conference to be held next year – to be discussed later. A draft will be sent by the end of next week [action item]. A letter from the President was also recommended as part of the newsletter or as separate email [action item]. An idea to create a list of available resources for webinars was mentioned. Matt agreed to create a listing for the website [action item].

Events – There were some updates regarding the planned partner's conference next year. The Executive committee met July 9th and all three trade organizations have agreed to be part of the effort (only two were for sure last month). The event is planned for June 22-24, 2021 in Chillicothe. The Recycling Partnership just confirmed their availability for those dates. The venue is to be toured on August 3rd to ensure it will work for our purposes. John plans on going and asked if other would like to join him. John is working with the treasurer (Chris Hoffman) to help prepare a budget for the event. There is support form the staff at RHPF Joint SWMD. A brief description of the subcommittees for the conference WAS provided. They are Finance and Logistics, Marketing and Sponsorship, and Speaker and Special Events. John will send and email with more details and to solicit volunteers for the committees [action item].

Strategic Planning –John will arrange another call to strategize on building the membership base [action item]. It was mentioned that the committee could use another member or two.

Finance – It was noted that there were several checks that were not seen on the finance report because they were received in July. The NRC dues and Wichert insurance were both paid.

New Business

A number of topics were discussed. They included:

- Best Buy has stopped recycling electronics for now
- Summit County started TV collections (using Regnecy)
- General discussion of reusable facilities. McMRF (Montgomery County) was closed last year
- Dublin has a new compost site that takes residential kitchen scraps. Using GoZero and is partially funded through a SWACO grant.
- The Recycling Partnership is partnering with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to sign up governments and businesses to the Plastics Pact

Next Meeting: August 18, via Zoom Meeting

Adjourned at 11:52 am.

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers