

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attending were: Matthew Hittle, John Woodman, Michael Darling, Abby Vickers, Molly Kathleen, Taylor Greely, Carol Giulitto, Josh Brinkman and Brad Petry.

Note: Abby was married and her last name changed from Anderson to Vickers.

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

Minutes for the August 18, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Brad moved to approve the August 18, 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 August was made by Brad. Jason seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Action Items from last month's meeting:

Erin:

- Update meeting schedule on website (meetings for rest of year will be call-in), add most recent newsletter, and remove 2020 conference flyer from "Events"; add PDF resource list from Matt on website (maybe add "Resources" under the "News" tab) – all completed

Jason

- Send member spotlight to Molly by Monday 8/24 - done

Molly

- Send last newsletter to Erin, send new newsletter after receiving all items – draft newsletter sent out today

John

- Reach out to Jason about joining strategic planning committee – need to do
- Send note to Molly from president regarding postponing annual event (by Mon 8/24) - done

Matt

- Send resource list to Molly/Erin - done

Everyone

- Let John know by Friday if you wish to help on a committee for 2021 Partners Conference – many did this
- Review code of regulations in general and also surrounding membership concerns and send comments and suggestions to Matt (Governance Committee) – continue to do this

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

Committee Updates

Governance Committee – Will Look at the Code of Regulations in coming months. Matt will reach out to the Board members with terms expiring at the end of the year and confirm if they want to continue serving [action item]. Also for consideration is the officer positions which will be voted on at our Annual meeting in December.

Communications and Programming – The newsletter will be sent out to membership once everyone reviews the draft. It was asked to add a job opening to the newsletter.

Events – There were a number of updates regarding the partner’s conference to be held next year, planned for June 22-24, 2021 in Chillicothe. John reviewed the different committees and indicated they should be meeting soon.

Strategic Planning – Nothing to report for this committee.

Finance - Matt checked the PO Box and there was nothing in there. Greif Paper has not paid their membership dues.

Board Member Recruitment

We still have two open Board position. John hasn’t heard back from his contact at SWACO. He will reach out to Kristi instead [action item]. Also, Erin will reach out to Honda again [action item]. Matt will reach out to Geauga Trumbull SWMD [action item].

New Business

The group discussed ideas for the Annual Member meeting, to be held in December. It will be held virtually on December 15th. Some potential speakers were brainstormed. John will reach out to the NRC president to see if they are able to join us. It was noted that the president is likely to change before December. Molly will reach out to Steve Tharp to see if OSWDO could be represented. Also, John will draft an agenda [action items].

For the roundtable updates, Carol referenced that her SWMD’s special collection events will be ending soon. Covid-19 made for an interesting season, with document shredding being through the roof. Erin related to the study GT Environmental is doing with the City of Cleveland. Their recyclables are show a contamination rate of 40-80 percent and are currently being sent to a landfill.

Matt referenced an effort being made by the US EPA to look at the National Recycling Strategy. They are seeking comments. He will forward the information on to the Board [action item].

There was discussion about John’s call with the NRC about the request for ORC to become a state affiliate. John will reach out to Arley for an informal discussion [action item].

Next Meeting: October 20, via Zoom Meeting

Adjourned at 11:56 am.

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers