

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2020

Location: conference call

Attending were: Matthew Hittle, Michael Darling, John Woodman, Abby Anderson, Molly Kathleen, Taylor Greely, Carol Giulitto, Erin Oulton, and Brad Petry.

Call to Order: John called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes for the April 28, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Brad moved to approve the April 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Carol seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the previous month was presented and discussed. The only expense for the month was \$95 for the PO Box. A motion to approve the treasurer's report for April was made by Brad. Michael seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Action Items from last month's meeting:

Erin/Molly – Look at Rotating Banner on website. Still need to do this.

Michael – Bios for 2 potential board members. Will look at one today.

John – Schedule a call for board/ strategic for membership drive. Still need to do.

Everyone – Review the Event Plan (link sent by Taylor) for Annual Conference and come to next meeting with comments/suggestions. Done, will do today.

Brad/Josh – Video Conferencing: Today will have a proposal from Zoom meetings.

Taylor: formalize focus points for break-out session idea for workshop – will discuss today

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

Board Member Recruitment

The resume/bio for Jason Radtke was distributed to members via email. Jason is the Director of Operations for Royal Paper Stock. Matt made a motion to appoint Jason to the vacant seat representing Recycling Businesses that expires on 12/31/21. Michael seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. John will need to contact Jason for his orientation to the board, and make sure he is on emails going forward as well as having access to google docs, etc. [action item]

Committee Updates

Governance Committee – nothing to report.

Communications and Programming – no updates

Events – Taylor reviewed her Event Plan and worksheet she had distributed. She mentioned it is a living document so people can add directly to it in google docs.

The group discussed the possibility of having the conference virtually. The different available platforms were noted, and Matt was going to look into what the Indiana Recycling Conference was going to use for their upcoming virtual conference. [action item]

Strategic Planning –John will arrange another call to strategize on building the membership base [action item].

Finance – nothing to report outside the treasurer’s report.

New Business

It was noted that AOR had budgeted funds to send someone to the Indiana Recycling Coalition’s Conference. The conference is to be held virtually June 8-12. Since there are no travel or hotel expenses, AOR could pay for multiple people to attend if there is interest. Anyone with interest in attending send notification to John by the end of the week.

Brad presented his options for virtual meetings. John moved to have AOR pay the monthly cost to have a premium Zoom account. Erin seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote. Brad will facilitate this [action item].

There some open discussion about issues/news from the different organizations on the call. Rumpke indicated that they are seeing an increased challenge with dumping/contamination at drop-off sites and are hiring new people constantly. Otherwise, recycling is steady. Carol indicated that their HHW center has reopened, but with new protocols to minimize interactions with costumers. It was confirmed that our June tour of Pratt recycling will not be happening. Matt indicated that Ohio EPA has suspended the Recycling and Litter Prevention grants for 2020 as part of the State budget cuts. There was also discussion about reusable takeout containers.

Next Meeting: June 19, via Zoom Meeting

Adjourned at 11:52 am.

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers