

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2021

Location: Conference Call

Attending: John Woodman, Abby Vickers, Molly Kathleen, Taylor Greely, Carol Guilitto, Erin Oulton, Brad Petry, Christi Donor and, Lisa Beursken.

Call to order: John called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

Minutes for the May 2021 meeting: Minutes were reviewed. Brad moved to approve the 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. It was noted that the payment for Zoom was debited and the PO Box was paid. Erin also noted that there was a \$3 credit made for viewing a check. Carol also mentioned that all memberships are paid with the exception of the NCOSWD, contact was made and payment has been sent.

Action Items from last month's meeting:

- 1.) John – keep communication open with ORC -continuous
- 2.) Carol – contact Clean Lites for Timothy Kimmel donation -done
- 3.) Carol – Contact students about membership in AOR -done
- 4.) Brad - will contact Logan County for donation for Allen Hale -done
- 5.) John – convene a meeting for the Strategic Planning Committee to set up guidelines for grant or scholarship programs –done
- 6.) We need to include Evergreen expansion in the newsletter –done
- 7.) John – will update Molly on Styrofoam collection for newsletter –done
- 8.) Matthew – will contact co-workers who went to Miami to see if we can get more students involved in AOR; he has contacts at UC and BG –absent, no report
- 9.) We need to discuss the idea more of a non-voting student board member for AOR – done

Board Member Update: Lisa Beursken offered a letter of resignation after this meeting. Lisa is moving to a new role at Medina County Solid Waste District as their program coordinator. Lisa introduced us to Amanda Jaram, a co-worker interested in serving on the Board.

Committee Updates:

Governance Committee – no report

Communications and Programming – it was reported that the quarterly newsletter is out and one new subscriber was added to the list. Erin noted that the meeting minutes have been

shared on the website with the newsletter. With this report, Carol noted two members renewed their membership. She wanted to ensure they were added to the list of subscribers.

Strategic Planning – Michael, Jason, and John had a meeting on the possible new grant program for AOR. John emailed a draft of this to the Board. The current proposal is for two grants of \$500 to be eligible for members of AOR. The premise was to help both to encourage recycling programs and to use as a tool for outreach to help in broadening the membership. Proposed possible uses are to include: recycling education, advertising, special event recycling and buying recycled content items. Proposed non-eligible items not limited to: personnel costs, replacement for normal operating expenses. Discussion around the grant proposal began and all liked the ideas. John said he would resend the email and all can edit and add comments surrounding it.

New Business:

The non-voting student Board seat was discussed. The Board welcomes the idea but John mentioned that in order to add the seat, a vote will most likely need to take place during the Members Meeting in December. Brad questioned Molly in part with her background at OSU and she felt confident that recruitment would not be an issue for the open position.

With the topic of the Members Meeting coming up, the question was raised on the ability to do an in person event. The Board would like to be able to do this and is looking at the second Tuesday in December instead of the traditional third Tuesday of the month. This proposed date moves the meeting away from the Holidays.

John noted that the ORC has a meeting coming up in late June or July and that he plans to attend.

John also reported that the Executive Committee for the fall Partner's Conference is beginning to work on the contracts for the rooms at the hotel and the conference spaces.

AOR would also like to attempt in person meetings and tours as travel restrictions allow.

Round table Discussions:

John – Montgomery County held its second Styrofoam event and filled a semi-trailer in four hours. Huber Heights, a city inside of Montgomery County, is hosting an event on June 19th for anyone who wants to participate. John stated the Montgomery County will host a third event sometime in October.

Molly – reported that OSU is gearing up for back to school. She reported that staff vacancies have created additional responsibilities in her office to include Ohio Stadium. Also reported are a few new programs at OSU. A film plastic recycling program has begun in addition to two new composting programs. One program is for off-campus students and another is for the staff at the Wexner Medical Center. Molly reported that there is direction being made in clothing recycling drop offs as well.

Next Meeting: July 20, via Zoom

Adjourned at 11:50 am.

Submitted by Brad Petry, Vice President, Association of Ohio Recyclers