**Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** July 16, 2019

**Location:** Rumpke, 476 E. Fifth Ave, Columbus, 43201

**Attending were:** Matthew Hittle, John Woodman, Carol Giulitto, and Taylor Greely. On the phone: Maria Ortiz, Abby Anderson, Tony Gillund, Lauren Karch, and Tiffany Barker.

**Call to Order:** John called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**Minutes for the June 18, 2019 meeting** were reviewed. Tiffany moved to approve the June 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Maria seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**: The treasurer’s report for the previous month was presented by Maria and discussed. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report for July was made by Taylor. John seconded the motion. The treasurer’s report was approved by voice vote (Carol abstained).

**Action Items from last month’s meeting**:

**Molly:**

* Add board vacancies to newsletter (individual, at large, special waste, recycling business) - done
* Send Carol cost estimate for flight/hotel for Resource Recycling Conference. Look into free registration email for SRO’s from Steve Alexander - pending
* Send Taylor new Anheuser-Busch contact -done
* Send draft membership survey to Board **-** done
* Send draft newsletter to Board - done
* Send AOR stand-alone Partners Conference ad to members - done

**Lauren:**

* Add board vacancy announcement to website – needs to be done
* Add sponsorship and hotel information to website - done
* Add “Thank you to our sponsors” area to our website with sponsor logos – need logo

**All:** Look into alternative options for October meeting. If we don’t do a social event, and if Belden Brick becomes the tour destination for the 2019 Partners Conference, are there any other places willing to host a tour for AOR? – Belden is not a tour for Partner’s Conference. Matt will check on having a tour in November or December for our Annual Member’s meeting.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Discuss new membership recruitment and report back - pending

**John:** Send Partners Conference invitation to Ohio SWMDs - done

Taylor agreed to take the action items for today’s meeting.

B**oard Recruitment**

Tiffany indicated she had sent an email to American Paint per the conversation at the last meeting. She has not heard back. Some potential SWMD Coordinators were mentioned as well as Goodwill and Regency.

**Committee Updates**

Governance Committee – It was mentioned that there has been a lot of discussion about NRC creating a policy in support of deposit legislation. John indicated he will forward the email relating to the policy [action item].

Communications and Programming – The newsletter and membership were sent out.

Events – A summary of the registrations and sponsorships were given. It was clarified that speakers are to be provided free registrations and lunch, as well as the Monday evening event. They are responsible for their own hotel rooms. The tours for the second day will be Bridgestone tire and the Akron Zoo. SWAN credits are secured (9) and Matt will work on getting RS credits for the event [action item].

Strategic Planning –The strategic planning committee still needs to set up a conference call to discuss new member recruitment [action item].

Finance – no updates

**New Business**

It was related that former Board member Alan Hale passed away while serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines. It was recommended to send something to the memorial service, if there is one in Ohio, or possibly to contribute to a physical memorial. Matt made a motion to fund a memorial for Alan Hale, with an amount not to exceed $250. Tiffany seconded the motion. Motion passed on voice vote.

Updates on the Contamination Intervention projects were provided: The City of Centerville starting cart tagging today. The City of Lorain will not be participating, which removes Republic from the project. Columbus contracted with Goodland for tagging.

CCAO sent out an email about having a solid waste subcommittee, which created some confusion.

The Pratt paper mill is set to start receiving material in soon. It would be preferred to wait until the corrugator is operational in the spring to organize a tour.

Ohio State will be contracting with Goodwill to operate their “dump and run” sale for students soon.

A mini food waste conference was held in Carrol County recently. At the conference, people were invited to tour Progressive field to see their zero-waste infrastructure. The event, to be held on August 7th, would include tickets to the Indians game. IT was recommended to an email blast inviting people to the event [action item].

The meeting schedule for the rest of the year was discussed. The following schedule was recommended:

* September: no meeting, Partner’s Conference
* October 15: face-to face
* November 19: conference call
* December: 17th? Annual meeting and possible tour of Belden Brick

**Next Meeting:** August 20, likely at GT Environmental in Columbus.

**Adjourned at 11:54 pm**.

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers