

## Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 15, 2019

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

**Attending were:** Matthew Hittle, John Woodman, Abby Anderson, Tiffany Barker, Molly Kathleen, and Taylor Greely. On the phone: Josh Brinkman, Carol Giulitto, Michael Darling and Maria Ortiz.

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

### **Potential Board Member:**

The first order of business was to introduce Josh Brinkman, with American Paint Recyclers. Josh provided the group with an overview of his company, which is based in Van Wert, Ohio. Josh excused himself and the John made a motion to appoint Josh to the vacant seat representing Special Waste organizations. This seat expires on 12/31/19. Michael seconded the motion. Josh was appointed to Board unanimously by voice vote.

**Minutes for the August 20, 2019 meeting** were reviewed. Maria moved to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Taylor seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report for the previous two months was presented and discussed. A motion to approve the treasurer's report for August and September was made by Molly. Abby seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

### **Action Items from last month's meeting:**

#### **John:**

- Send Goodwill email to Tony - done
- Bring colored ticket rolls to conference - done
- Find box of name tag holders from previous conference - done
- Reach out to Jessica Fenos to see if she needs assistance printing signs for conference - done
- Follow up with Angel regarding Alan Hale's memorial – still waiting for details
- Check to see if there is an existing expense submittal form and if so, post on Google Drive – still need to do

#### **Molly:**

- E-mail results of member survey to Board - done
- Forward email asking for registration assistance to Board - done

#### **Matt:**

- Send information about supersacks to Molly and Taylor - done

**Tiffany:**

- Follow up with American Paint Recyclers and invite them to our next Board meeting if they are interested in becoming Board members - done

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

**2019 Partners Conference Recap**

Attendance was great. Over 130 people attended the Partner's Conference this year. Events all went smoothly, although the Monday evening event could have had more people. Carol referenced a flyer that was made summarizing the zero waste efforts at the conference and indicated it would be sent to the board members [action item]. One area identified for improvement was the registration process – ensuring that a follow up survey isn't needed to determine which sessions/food choices, etc. Planning for the next Partner's Conference in 2021 will begin next year.

**Board Recruitment**

The group brainstormed potential new board members. Molly is to contact Kathy Rocco, with OSS Joint SWMD, and Matt will contact Jennifer Jones, with GT Joint SMWD [action items].

After the meeting, John confirmed via email on October 18<sup>th</sup> that Lauren Karch has resigned from the Board.

**Committee Updates**

Governance Committee – Elections will be coming up. Matt will contact those with terms expiring to confirm if they are interested in another term [action item].

Communications and Programming – Josh has agreed to join the communication committee. A job posting was mentioned for Pratt to be included in the next newsletter. A recap of the conference will be included as well. Molly indicated a draft of the newsletter will be sent out prior to the next meeting [action item].

Events – Details of the December member's meeting were discussed. Taylor confirmed the reservations for the meeting room at Dutch Valley Restaurant on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Matt will call to get more details on the tour of the Belden Brick factory (length of tour, required attire, and parking) [action item]. Molly will send out a save-the-date email to membership once the details are determined [action item].

Other tours will be scheduled soon. Pratt should be available for a tour in the spring. A tour of the American Paint Recycler's facility is in order as well.

Strategic Planning –The strategic planning committee will arrange a call before the next meeting to discuss new member recruitment [action item].

Finance – no updates

**New Business**

Abby provided a recap of the visit from President Trump to the Pratt paper mill in Wapakoneta. She will send a video relating to the event which can be included in the newsletter [action item].

There was a discussion of the potential for AOR to have awards similar to what other organizations.

It was suggested that someone should check the membership list versus the emails on our list for MailChimp.

Molly provided a list of the survey responses from our membership survey and they were discussed. She will forward the details of what was provided in the “other” responses since they didn’t show up on the print outs [action item].

It was indicated that ORAO is now the Composting Council. They are having their annual meeting soon. Molly will send an invite to our membership for the meeting [action item].

**Next Meeting:** November 19th, Conference Call

**Adjourned at 11:56 am.**

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers