

## Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 20, 2020

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

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

**Call to Order:** John called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

**Minutes for the September 15, 2020 meeting** were reviewed. Brad moved to approve the September 15, 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. A motion to approve the treasurer's report for September was made by Matt. Brad seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

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

Molly:

- Send newsletters to Erin -done
- All ReWorks Planner position to newsletter – DONE
- Add “Looking for training opportunities?” under Webinar Resources – DONE
- Remove Greif from MailChimp list - DONE
- Contact Steve Tharp about OSWDO giving regional updates at AOR's annual membership meeting 12/15 – he agreed to participate

Erin:

- Post new newsletters on website - done

Matt:

- Reach out to people who are up for re-election to confirm they are interested in continuing to serve - done
- Contact Jen from GT SWMD to see if she or a representative for her District would be interested in running for a Board position - done
- Send US EPA metrics - done

John:

- Follow up with Kristi Higginbotham regarding SWACO serving on the AOR board – need to do
- Talk to NRC about speaking at AOR's annual membership meeting 12/15 – yes, don't know who yet
- Respond to NRC email regarding AOR/ORC and contact ORC – did this. will recap later

All:

- Review Code of Regulations and send comments to John/Matt – carry over

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

### **Committee Updates**

Governance Committee – Still need to look at the Code of Regulations in coming months in reference to denying memberships. The Election will need to be performed before our Annual Member meeting in December and election of officers will need to take place as well. People were encouraged to consider taking a more active and perhaps take on an officer position.

Communications and Programming – The newsletter was sent out.

Events – Relating to the Annual Member meeting, it is tentatively planned for Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. OSWDO and the NRC leadership are willing to speak via a zoom meeting. John requested this be handed off to the E&P committee. Molly reached out to Steve Tharp with OSWDO and asked for topics in and around COVID and its impacts. Also, to speak on 2020 highlights. Taylor will work to schedule the speakers and give them the topics to discuss allowing approximately 30 minutes for each individual.

Relating to the Partner's Conference, there was an executive call and it noted that all of the sub committees are moving forward. OALPRP is exploring an extension of their grant received through the Ohio EPA. Their goal is to move to a fall event if possible. The current dates are June 21st and 22nd. The Logistics and Finance committee is working on a contract for the conference. Another site visit is planned, and details are still being developed along with food, layout, etc.

Communications Update- Currently looking at 2 tracts with a possible 3rd. At this time the speakers are not completely secured. Conversations were had as to whether or not to host speakers from Ohio exclusively or to allow from neighboring states. At this time the committee felt that local speakers may best represent and be able to address issues that others in the State are facing.

Strategic Planning – Nothing to report for this committee. It was mentioned that Jason and others should get involved with this committee.

Finance - no updates outside the finance report and action items.

### **Board Member Recruitment**

We still have two open Board positions. 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/Round Table Updates**

John mentioned referred to his recent call with Arley (executive director for the ORC). The group's membership is small and not charged to participate. There are no sponsors either so funding for the

group is unknown. ORC is listed as a member on the AOR website. Molly mentioned that Ohio State football has resumed. The crowd is much smaller crowd as the university is only allowing about 2,000 people in the stands. Molly informed us that staff changes has placed her in a role that puts her in a leadership position with Ohio Stadium.

Brad indicated that operations are busier than ever, but his SWMD is beginning to see the seasonal slow-down. Taylor noted that Rumpke is still seeing about a 20 to 30% increase in residential waste and there is a 5% increase with recycling. However, there is an increase in contamination which seems to be tanglers linked to garage clean outs or general clean up. Rumpke is working on marketing solutions to combat the issue.

Abby indicated that Pratt is busy making boxes. All competitors have had a price increase in November while Pratt is doing their increase in December. Carol updated that ReWorks' HHW facility has closed for 2020 with a record year. Tonnages were just as good for the 2020 paper shred events. To date, four (4) TV collections have been held and the last one is today. The Planner position is still open while interviews are being performed. Carol reported that there is still not a permanent office space for them yet.

Erin's updated that GT is still working on the Cleveland recycling project. Data from the audit is being collected and analyzed. There has been a lot of difficulty in the cleanup efforts with past behaviors and the city's efforts in keeping the city clean. The City is making an attempt to rebrand their recycling program. Also, Erin is working on the NCOSWD in changing from a generation fee-based revenue system to a facility designation system. A friendly reminder was offered to Miami County and Montgomery County to complete the designation forms. Miami County reported that the Commissioner's should be signing the form soon.

**Next Meeting:** November 17, via Zoom Meeting

**Adjourned at 11:25 am.**

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers