

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 17, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attending were: Matthew Hittle, John Woodman, Michael Darling, Abby Vickers, Molly Kathleen, Erin Oulton, Maria Ortiz, Taylor Greely, Josh Brinkman, and Carol Giulitto.

Call to Order: John called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes for the October 20, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Molly moved to approve the October 20, 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 October was made by Michael. Erin seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Action Items from last month's meeting:

All:

- Review code of regulations. Think about potential board nominations for open spots. COR discussion tabled. Board nomination discussion completed.

John

- Follow up with Kristy from SWACO. DONE. SWACO is stretched thin currently so they will not be able to have a representative in 2021 but potentially in the future.

Molly

- Send Taylor info on conversation with NRC for annual members meeting. Typo, this meant to say OSWDO. MK reached out to OSWDO (DONE).

Taylor

- Get information on speaker tasks for partners conference. Work on agenda for members meeting in December (specifically speakers). DONE

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

Committee Updates

Governance Committee – Tabled until end of call; Matt will hold Board/Officer elections prior to Annual Members Meeting.

Communications and Programming – Committee will create an invitation and sign up sheet for Annual Members Meeting; Contact OSWDO, SWANA, OALPRP, and Ohio Organics Council to cross promote. Information will be added to website. All members are encouraged to promote through their networks; meeting is open to anyone interested in attending.

Events – During meeting, Taylor finalized agenda for Annual Members Meeting. John committed to doing introductions during Annual Members Meeting. Speakers from OSWDO and NRC are being asked to provide a brief bio and send slides to Brad prior to meeting. Molly is confirming with Brad that Zoom link for annual meeting is the same as regular board meetings.

Strategic Planning – Nothing to report for this committee.

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

New Business/Round Table Updates

John mentioned there was an onsite planning visit for the 2021 Partners Conference; general timeframes were established for speakers. Next steps in planning will be working on catering; banquet contact person has been furloughed until January. There was an extension granted for the OEPA grant. Dates for the conference will likely be pushed into fall due to the pandemic.

The NRC's virtual National Zero Waste Conference (<https://zwconference.org/>) will be held 12/1-12/3. If anyone is interested in attending, please let John Woodman know ASAP.

Michael Darling shared an update about the City of Dublin's compost drop off. It has been going very well so far. There have not been any dumping or contamination issues. Michael said he will send photos of the site as well as a flyer given to participants to the Board. In addition to the flyer, City of Dublin sends monthly email to participants with information and FAQs such as where to buy compostable bags (Kroger, Whole Foods, Amazon) and commonly asked about materials such as paper towels, tea bags, and soiled pizza boxes.

Taylor shared that Rumpke may have exciting news related to a potential accepted material expansion coming in the new year. Details are not public yet, so stay tuned for more information at a later date.

Erin shared that GT Environmental is moving forward with a pre-consumer food waste audit.

Josh shared that solid waste districts may have a second shut down but decisions have not yet been made.

Abby shared that there have been more COVID cases being reported, but the rise in cases has not negatively impacted Pratt's operations.

Next Meeting: Annual Members Meeting, December 15, 10:30AM-12:30PM, via Zoom Meeting

Adjourned at 12:35PM.

Submitted by Molly Kathleen, Vice President, Association of Ohio Recyclers