

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2023

Location: Zoom

Attending: John Woodman, Molly Kathleen, Michael Darling, Carol Giulitto, Matthew Hittle, Mary Copenbaker, Erin Oulton, Brad Petry, Ken Lewis, and Michael Hall.

Call to order: John called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

Minutes for the December 2022 meeting: Minutes were reviewed – 2 revisions were noted. Brad made a motion to approve the December minutes with the revisions. 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. Brad moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for December. Molly seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report was approved on voice vote.

Board Positions

Introductions for Mike Hall, Pike County SWMD. Noted that Abby Vickers resigned because she accepted a new position within Pratt. We need to update the website to remove her [action item]

Action Items from last month's meeting:

All- input budget requests in the Google Drive - done

All- research ideas for promotional items for AOR – will discuss

Brad- schedule January 17th monthly board meeting - done

Michael- confirm conference room for February 21st strategic planning meeting anticipated to be from 10 am until 2 pm - done

Abby- research the possibility of an AOR tour for May or June. We still need to confirm this.

John- send an email to solicit AOR Board members to consider serving on committee positions for the 2023 Partner's Conference - done

John- request bio and head shot from Mike Hall – he will send to Molly or Erin

Brad- include Mike in January Zoom invite - done

Molly will take action items for the meeting.

Committee Updates:

Strategic Planning – Board will have an in person strategic planning meeting in February in Dublin. Michael will take care of ordering lunch [action item].

Communications – website needs to have info updated. Newsletter should be created with recap of recent events, introduce new board member, RSVP for April tour of glass plant. [action item]

Governance. Committee met. Matt to include comments in the budget [action item].

Events – working to develop the details for the Partner’s conference. Member of the agenda/events committee going to tour facilities on January 25th. John to send invite to join committees to Mike. [action item]

Finance – Everyone should be reviewing the budget table. It was noted that there is currently no one for events committee. Plan to have Board approve the budget next month. Membership billing will be sent out soon.

Old/New Business:

Open board position - Stacey Boggs was mentioned as a replacement. John will reach out to her to see if she’s interested or has another recommendation [action item].

Promotional items – Molly shared the survey results. Metal water bottle first vote, then chapstick and pens/mechanical pencils. Fourth place was a pen holder. It was indicated that we should order some of the simpler/less costly items to have for the Partner’s Conference to hand out. Other items discussed were the water bottles, blender bottles, produce bags and sandwich bags – these larger items will require further deliberation before purchasing.

Spring grant cycle – John will update the application for 2023 [action item]. Max grant award will be \$1000 again. Can include this info in the newsletter [action item].

Partnership with NRC – It was mentioned that there was potential to join in on a REO grant application with other recycling organizations.

Discussion of membership costs - It was noted that the number of members per membership differs. The membership rate was discussed, and no change will occur at this time. The need for sending out a message to non-members and including membership information was brought up. This can be discussed further at our strategic planning session.

Newsletter – Greenscope consulting was recommended as the member spotlight. Need to confirm they will continue their membership for 2023. [action item]

Next Meeting: February 21st 10-2 at Dublin

Adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers