

## **Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2026**

Date: March 17, 2026

**Members Present:** Jeff Montavon, Ken Lewis, Katy Rees, Chase Axelson, Carol Giulitto, Michael Darling, John Woodman, Chris Talarek, Jacob Heffron, Molly Kathleen, Erin Oulton, Mike Hall. Mary Copenbaker, Virtual: Emily Walker, NP: Robert Kurtz, Chase Axelson,

Call to Order: John Woodman called the meeting to order ~ 10:35 am

Minutes from the February 2026 Meeting: Erin Oulton motioned for approval, Jacob seconded the motion. February minutes approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report for the month of February was presented by Chris Talarek. Carol Guilitto motioned for approval of Treasurer's Report. Mike Darling seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Old Business:** - Meeting set for Madtree Brewery in April. Also discussed June and August for tours. April 21<sup>st</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** - Events and Programming: Erin Oulton discussed the initial stages of setting up the October workshop; suggested the Columbus Zoo. Will meet monthly for half an hour until the event. Date confirmed October 20. Erin Oulton discussed raising the attendance fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 to cover costs and is arranging speakers including Zoo Sustainability and Environmental Coordinators. Orienting the event to a workshop platform in lieu of speaker platform for improved membership involvement. Topics include batteries, organics, OCC & paper, multi-family recycling initiatives, HHW, textiles, Styrofoam, Hefty Orange Bag (plastic film). Two roundtable sessions. Morning would be classic recycling topics; Afternoon would include "Beyond the Cart" recycling topics. Main moderator would be responsible for calling on tables to share information in front of the group.

### **Committee Reports:**

Strategic Planning: New plan is in place and meeting was successful.

Communications Committee: Erin Oulton discussed communications regarding April meeting at Madtree Brewery. Also, grant applications have started.

Finance Committee: John Woodman moved to transfer \$5,000 to Money Market, Michael Darling seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Development Committee: Reported by Chris Talarek; discussed membership. Sort paid memberships from unpaid memberships and courtesy call unpaid memberships. Spreadsheet on Google Drive; numerous committee members have been assigned to start

calling potential members. Mary Copenbaker is working on questionnaire sheets. Chris Talarek asked where the committee should focus; Erin Oulton suggested focusing on Solid Waste Districts to attract businesses within each district. Carol Giulitto recommended having a full schedule prepared so members can plan according to their interests. John Woodman discussed ideas for purchasing promotional items. (Etched AOR pint glasses)

ROC – Jacob Heffron – No Update

Meeting Adjourned: Jacob Heffron motioned to adjourn meeting, Chris Talarek seconded the motion. John Woodman adjourned the meeting at 11: 38 am.

**Future Meetings:**

April 21<sup>st</sup> at Madtree Brewing located at 3301 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, OH. 45209

**Action Items:**

Jacob Heffron: Continue to reach out to Owens Corning & Owens Illinois for tour.

Chase Axelson: Continue to reach out to Integrity Fiber for tour for future tour. Also let Board know if possible.

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Jacob Heffron: Reach out to Worthington Enterprises for tour for December meeting.

John Woodman reach out for glass etching/ color printing quote. (250 glasses)

Carol: Move \$5,000 from checking to money market

John Woodman: Forward ROC invite to Jacob Heffron