

## Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 17, 2021

**Location:** Conference Call/Zoom Meeting

**Attending:** John Woodman, Abby Vickers, Molly Kathleen, Taylor Greely, Carol Guilitto, Erin Oulton, Brad Petry, Christi Donor, Michael Darling, Matthew Hittle, and Jason Radtke.

**Call to order:** John called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

**Minutes for the July 2021 meeting:** Minutes were reviewed. Brad moved to approve the meeting minutes. Erin 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 June. Jason seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

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

#### Molly:

- Add June minutes to website -done
- Send standalone Mailchimp for conference and sponsorship prospectus - done
- Prepare items for August newsletter (new board member announcement, conference reminder, and Lorain County SWD member spotlight) – need to get info for member spotlight
- Send Tiffany example SWD Member Spotlight - done
- Cross-reference Carol's membership list with Mailchimp list and remove any inactive members - done
- Request Amanda's bio/headshot from Lisa Buersken (lbeursken@republicservices.com) and invite Amanda to next meeting. – did not get ahold of her yet

#### John:

- Reach out to Alan Hale's son regarding Peace Corps donation – go ahead and make the donation
- Send grant outline to Board for comments with goal of being able to announce new grant opportunity at Partners Conference. – see strategic planning
- Reach out to Matt/Tiffany regarding updating Code of Regulations to include a non-voting student position on Board. – see governance committee

Matt: Ask John if he can give update to MMAC -done

All: Gather thoughts for annual meeting location/tour AND/OR topics for a panel that are not redundant with Partners Conference agenda – need further discussion

Carol: Send molly updated member list

Tiffany:

- Follow up with John/Carol about interest in attending virtual Resource Recycling Conference -n/a
- Send Molly Lorain Co member spotlight – will do

### **Committee Updates:**

Governance Committee –Elections will be on the radar soon. Matt will reach out to Hamilton Co to see how they added non-voting member to their Policy Committee [action item].

Communications and Programming –a summary of the emails sent out in the last month was provided. The summer newsletter will go out soon.

The next newsletter was discussed as well. Potential topics included upcoming webinars and grant opportunities. Information on lithium-ion batteries was mentioned as well. Brad will send info to be included [action item].

Events and Programming – There was discussion of potential tours to be done for annual members meetings. Smucker's and Dannon were mentioned as potential facilities to visit. Both companies have zero waste goals. Brad will work with contacts at Auglaize County to see about the Dannon facility [action item].

Relating to the upcoming Partner's Conference, there was discussion about the hotel rates as well as the differences with using Event bright for registration.

Finance- no updates

Strategic Planning –The group put together some ideas for the proposed grant program. They will meet again and develop a formal framework for all to vote on at the next meeting [action item].

### **New Business:**

none

### **Round Table Discussions:**

John mentioned a number of programs going on in Montgomery County. These included the additional efforts in Centerville for the contamination reduction efforts, their 2021 tire buy back event and their styrofoam recycling events.

Carol related to Reworks HHW collections. She indicated that 2021 numbers are down, and staffing issues persist.

Abby related that a new mill and box plant are being built in Henderson, KY.

Jason reiterated that his business also is seeing the shortages of labor as a n issue, as well as material shortages. EH indicated that there are 30-50,000 semi drivers needed right now in the US.

**Next Meeting:** September 21, via Zoom

**Adjourned at 11:56 am.**

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers