

Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 11/15/17

Board Members Present: Tom Gaffey, John Pizzimenti, Dawn Pettinelli, Pam Roach, Ray Collins, Julie Cammarata, Dan McGowan, , Rich Ireland Jr., Virginia Walton, CJ May

Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 11:08 am. Dan presiding.

Approval of October 15, 2017 minutes

John made motion to accept, Tom seconded. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

CJ May submitted report. Ending balance as of 11/13/17 is \$26,933. We still need to solicit new memberships and sponsors to keep income where we need it. With our present treasury, 2 scenarios suggested:

1. To maintain our present account levels, we should be striving for at least a 40 % increase in conference attendance and a 42% increase in general membership.
2. To end up with a surplus, we should be striving for at least a 60 % increase in conference attendance and a 75% increase in general membership.
3. Breakfasts would also need to be held to sustain treasury.

Motion by Tom motion to approve treasurer's report, Rich seconded. All approved.

Budget Subcommittee (Dan, CJ & Janice): No recent updates.

Membership Subcommittee (Jen, Pam, Brian & Tom)

- One membership renewal. Auto renewals will go out December 1st.

Conference committee

- Call held but not as much participation as needed. Julie needs more assistance creating panels and other agenda items.
- 3 Timely Topics to be addressed are – Organics updates regarding food waste, Packaging and the Bottle Bill (how plastic recycling affected by China – global demand, etc)
- Suggestions for keynote speaker – maybe new EPA administrator of New England (Region 1) or #1 or #2 of EPA or maybe gubernatorial candidates (too many people in race right now)
- Since Republic took over ReCommunity – maybe someone at Republic to talk generally about markets as a key note or maybe on a panel. (plastics/film)
- Julie provided short list of targets of folks who should be sponsors. Board members are expected to make a couple of calls each to try to pull in these folks through conference sponsorship. Julie will send out list of costs that we can use to inform/entice folks. Ideally we would make contact and get back to Julie by early December. Julie & Ray will come

up with a one-page handout we could give to potential sponsors, something to forward about the conference, why become a member, etc.

- Julie also pulled every company that is registered to lobby in CT so this would be another list of folks we can contact about sponsorships or memberships.
- Also we can reach out to municipalities.
- Noted that CT DEEP seems to be pulling back.
- Need date for another conference committee meeting – (Pam, Tom, Brian and Jen) to discuss who should be on panels. (Kim O'Rourke would also help with CRC projects).
- CJ – will try to find CRC display items. We had a tablecloth and display items.
- Suggested that perhaps some awards for service could be given at conference.

December breakfast meeting – no response from potential speakers.

- Topic would be on new recycling ordinance examples. We should ask House Co-Chairman of Environmental Committee, Mike Demicco if he or someone else on that committee would be able to talk at breakfast. What would a recycling ordinance in every town look like? (COST & CCM want this to be done) CT DEEP should also be there - Pete Brunelli (DEEP) contact.
- Need to plan time breakfasts several months in advance – Next one on ordinances tentatively for March of 2018.

Government Affairs (Dan, Tom, Chuck)

- Have not meet since Sept meeting.
- Julie is working on draft of position paper with Lou Birch on a model ordinance regarding the bottle bill. It should be finalized by board on model ordinance on bottle bill. CRC should have position – don't underfund it and should benefit all handlers. Should be done by early 2018

Bylaws (Ginny & Kim)

- Circulated changes and Ginny will send out to board members for comments. Board should on agree on changes that can be presented to everyone at annual meeting where everyone can vote.
- Should we change back fiscal year to Jan – Dec or leave from Jul to June? (we were looking to move annual meeting from annual conference and also looking to have better funding situation for conference)

Board Composition & Voting

- Annual meeting should be held within 90 days of beginning of fiscal year. Fiscal year is not in bylaws so board can change at any time. Now July 1 to June 30. So could push out everyone's election date by 6 months.
- When 2 people resigned last year created a 1 year and a 2 year vacancy – so how can we designate who gets voted in for 1 year and who for 2 year? Does not really matter as when elected at annual meeting it would be for 2 years.
- BOD votes to fill vacancies. All members vote for board (2 year position) – 2 elections. BOD votes to keep board same until annual meeting.
- September 19, 2018 – will hold annual meeting and vote for board. Need an event to draw members.
- Vote to hold next meeting December 13 as conference nearing – Dan made motion, Ginny seconded. Approved.
- Voted to hold monthly meetings in 2018 during active periods – Tom made motion, Ginny second. Approved.

No Frills Tour

- Dawn says welcome to join Friends/Laurelbrook March 31 (10-2). Email her at dawn.pettinelli@uconn.edu if interested in attending.

WRAP – nothing new, Mansfield is attempting to ban plastic bags. Is there a market for them – Tom says not really. TREX takes some.

COMPOST TRAINING FOR SMALL SYSTEM OPERATORS (Ginny, Dawn & Julie)

- Geared towards municipalities that want to take in food wastes as well as schools and other small systems. Potential date: March 7, 2017 from 9-1:30. Possibly held in Mansfield as there are composting sites at the Middle School that could be visited.
- Athena Lee Bradley would be available in March to cover managing small systems.
- Dawn will cover compost biology, Ginny can facilitate the field trip part
- Lunch served. \$20 registration fee. Seeking sponsors. Will ask Scotts.

Next meeting date: 9 am on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, in MIRA's Conference Room, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford.

Adjourn 12: 52

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Pettinelli, Secretary CRC