

Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC) Board of Directors Meeting **Minutes 12/13/17**

Board Members Present: Tom Gaffey, John Pizzimenti, Dawn Pettinelli, Pam Roach, Ray Collins, Julie Cammarata, Virginia Walton, Lori Vitagliano, Janice Erle-Meyer, Dan McGowan, C.J. May

Phone In: Jen Heaton-Jones, Rich Ireland Jr., Brian Paganini

Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 9:12 am. Dan presiding.

Approval of November 15, 2017 minutes

Tom made motion to accept, John seconded. Approved. .Lori and Janice abstained – did not attend previous meeting

Treasurer's Report:

- CJ May submitted report. Ending balance as of 12/12/17 is \$29,183.
- Funds coming in from membership renewals and conference sponsors, exhibitors, etc. We still need to increase these funds by about 50% to stay on track.
- Motion by Tom motion to approve treasurer's report, Rich seconded. All approved.

Budget Subcommittee (Dan, CJ & Janice): No recent meetings but on track for conference.

Membership Subcommittee (Jen, Pam, Brian & Tom)

- Auto renewals went out December 1st.

Conference Committee (Tom, Jen, Brian and Pam) January 17, 2018, Aquaturf Club, Southington, CT, 8:30 – 4:30.

Conference Budget: Total event fees raised \$18,600, which includes sponsorships, exhibitors and individual registrations. The estimated event costs is \$21,686 (plus Julie's cost). We all need to promote conference and try to get more attendees, sponsorships, etc.

Conference Schedule

Julie passed out draft conference schedule. We will have guest speaker, Chaz Miller plus 4 panel discussions including Consumer Packaging, a 2018 Legislative Preview, Organics Recycling and the Bottle Bill.

CT now has legislative EPA region 1 director – and we will ask to be keynote speaker .Hopefully will hear soon. Ideally, CT DEEP Commissioner Robert Klee would introduce director. Do have some back up suggestions - perhaps a legislator – maybe someone planning on running for governor – maybe both D and R.

Consumer Packaging Panel – pretty well set.

Organics Recycling Panel – Brian or Julie will talk to CET, We can focus on options for organic recycling or preventing food waste – maybe W. Hartford DPW and their organics pilot might be a panelist.

CRC Display items – CJ says we need a new tablecloth/cover. Janice picked up display items from Winston and came up with list of items we have.

Julie & Ray will donate recycled T-shirts on behalf of CRC for conference – they are made from recycled bottles and recycled cotton (50/50).

NERC not coming to conference – they already have given CRC a discounted membership.

Julie and Ray still working on times/agenda items for conference and will finalize.

Exhibitors will be in main room. There will be longer breaks during conference so attendees can visit and network.

We still need board members to continue to contact potential sponsors and exhibitors.

Government Affairs (Dan, Tom, Chuck)

- Waiting for government to go back into session. CRC should have a position statement on the bottle bill by February. Committee will meet before next legislative session. It would also be good to create a town resolution ordinance example. CRC can come up with this to start discussion on town/local levels. Rich Ireland Jr and Lori Vitagliano volunteered to be on this committee

Bylaws (Ginny & Kim)

- Sent out proposed revisions to bylaws (Ginny). Send suggestions to Ginny in email. Will summarize and can discuss as board. Maybe can discuss at February meeting.

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 (Dan)

- Nothing new. Julie and Ray are willing to listen in on phone calls and can update board. Sherill Baldwin would be person to contact.

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. Held at Mansfield Town Hall, 4 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT as there are composting sites at the Middle School that could be visited after lunch.
- Lunch served. \$20 registration fee. Seeking sponsors. Will ask Scotts.

Pretty well set up just need to advertise. Ray had updated flyer.

Next meeting date: 9 am on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in MIRA's Conference Room, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford.

Proposed 2018 Board Meeting Schedule with modifications made during today's meeting.
Decided membership annual meeting to be held Sept 12, 2018 – morning lunch meeting with afternoon social activity (Membership and conference committee can find menu and come up with plan)

2/21/2018
3/21/2018
4/18/2018
5/16/2018
6/20/2018
7/18/2018
8/15/2018
9/12/2018 – Annual Meeting
10/17/2018
11/14/2018
12/19/2018

Motion to approve Board Meeting schedule as amended – John motioned, Janice second, passed
Adjourn 10: 35

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Pettinelli, Secretary CRC