

**Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes 4/19/17**

**Board Members Present:** Dan McGowan, Dawn Pettinelli, Pam Roach, Tom Gaffey, C.J. May, Virginia Walton, Janice Erle-Meyer, Julie Cammarata

**Call in:** Brian Paganini, Jen Heaton-Jones

**Others present:** Lesley Mancini, Julie Cammarata, Ray Collins

**Call to Order**

The meeting called to order at 9:05 am.

**Approval of March 22, 2017 Minutes**

- Tom - motion to accept minutes. Pam second. Motion approved. C.J. and Janice abstained.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- C.J. emailed out report. Balance at 3/13/17 is \$39,600.25.
- Noted would be good if the income shown on Memberzone could be broken down into categories such as membership, sponsors, etc. so we would know where income is from.
- C.J. needs some more assistance from Ray and Julie to do this. There is a tutorial for Memberzone. Invite chair or individuals on membership committee to also take this tutorial.
- Could we get weekly reports of financial transactions?
- Membership renewal notices sent in January. Because of glitch could not renew at meeting but should be able to.
- C.J. brought up fact that we are supposed to be registered as a non-profit with the secretary of state for \$50/year. We have not paid since 1990 so we need to pay up. The way the payment system works is oldest bills need to be paid first. CJ already paid for first 2 years (\$100). CJ will pay the remaining years to make us current.
- He also noted we are supposed to post a 990 tax form each year to the state and need to file an e-card every 3 years to the IRS to keep our 501C status. – IRS has confirmed receipt of this year's submittal.

**Budget Subcommittee: (Janice)**

- Roger Guzowski submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Directors.
- Winston Averill submitted a letter of resignation from CRC.
- Both cited disappointment and concern with the direction the board is taking – depleting funds without a long term plan for revenue generation.
- Looking at the bylaws, the board does have the ability to fill empty seats on the board

- Several candidates suggested – Sonya Barkman-Caruso from Charities of Hope and Neil Graner were on the January ballot.
- Dan had contacted CT DEEP about our decision to remove Robert Isner from the board because his dues were not current and he did not attend meetings. He will reach out to them to see if either Robert or Chris Nelson are willing to become members in good standing and would like to be a board member.
- Motion by Janice, second Dawn to seek 2 more people to fill these seats on the board. It was agreed to reach out to certain individuals as well as send out an email to members seeking interested candidates.
- At present, only Janice remains on the budget subcommittee. C.J. and Dan agreed to work with her to come up with a tentative budget before the next meeting.

**Subcommittee for Julie’s renewal:** (Ginny, Tom, Jen, John)

- Updated Julie’s contract with an opt out clause, start/end date (May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018), revenue generation of \$20,000 from clients and consultants, no lobbying, just tracking. Also noted the payment of \$33,000 does not include the \$3000 for annual conference staff time.
- Noted that this is really a vote on our strategic direction and we all need to participate if we want CRC to survive.

**Government Affairs Subcommittee:** (Dan, Chuck, Tom)

- Main action item – glass recycling
- SB996 – Repeal current bottle deposit system and replace with 4 cent tax. Large coalition to oppose.
- SB5618 – proposes handling fee increase for recycling centers; first raise in 30 years
- Subcommittee drafted testimony to oppose repeal of deposit return bill and to support handling fee increase. Vote by board – Ginny motions to accept testimony, Janice seconds, all in favor.
- Board feels important to monitor legislative activities. We will continue to monitor.
- As a Board we should decide what legislation we are in favor of or opposed to – subcommittee can look at but we need to have some views as a board.
- Product stewardship framework – changed to address packaging only and tied itself to recommendations of packaging task force.
- Great if CRC had voice on packaging task force. Jen was asked but then no word. Julie will check to see if we can be on task force. They do have public comments and task force wanted to hear from municipalities – what are pressures on & what hope task force to do/look at. They were going to have representatives from many recycling communities.
- CJ – producers of packaging pay some funds for communities to recycle their packaging – that would be ideal. Glass a problem – economically costs a lot to move glass and get rid of plastic bags. If producer has to pay extra, may change packaging. (Glass used as landfill cover). Senator Minor interested in recycling – wants to hear from real folks – not speeches. Does shake things up – maybe good or bad.

## **Membership Update & Subcommittee Establishment Should include Conference**

- Strategic Materials joined as a business member. Mike Paine joined as business as well.
- CJ suggested that we might send some special thank you's to new sponsors or business members. This is in Julie's contract and she will take care of this.
- Membership development – should be tied to conference, to businesses, etc – Brian is offering his conference room (Tom, Jen, Brian, maybe Kim, Dawn but not until June, and Pam will be on committee which will include both membership and conference.)

## **Other Subcommittees (next time) -**

- **Bylaws** – need to update as some missing items such as composition of BOD membership (amount of private, business or industry members), what to do if someone needs a proxy if board member can't make it; can another member of company come in their place, etc. (Ginny will reach out to Kim O'Rourke and both can work on) Tom can proof and advise as he does bylaws for his non-profit.

## **No Frills Tours**

- Aside from conference, when would members get together? Tours may be good value for members. Julie just needs where to go and she can set up. Try for Plainfield Renewable Energy or Strategic Materials (glass). Julie will look into tours for second Wednesday in June.
- Should we invite members of the Environmental Committee or other legislators?
- What other activities to drive membership and give values to members?
- May be a good idea to schedule a lunch slot for after tours to continue the discussion and network.

## **Compost Pilot Update: (Ginny)**

- DEEP will write a new general permit for smaller scale facilities. Purpose of pilot was to gather data but not generating enough data so got extension on project to collect better data to inform them for permitting process.
- Also, need to have supervisor and staff at transfer station better trained in composting. Can we offer composting training for small systems? Now there is just training for commercial operators – like Maine or USCC training sessions. Dawn & Ginny will work on.

## **WRAP: (Dan)**

- Initiative thru DEEP and American Chemistry Council to focus on gathering plastic film and get it out of MRFs.
- Working with retailers etc to serve at collection points. #2 & 4 polyethylene plastics – Dan spoke at kick off on behalf of CRC (Price Chopper in Middletown) – well attended, Sen. Kennedy, Rep. Demmico were there, as well as many news outlets

- “Beyond the bag” Plastic films include not only retail bags, wrap from water bottles, paper towels, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, etc. What can folks do with if collect? Municipalities not permitted to collect plastic films per General Permit but CT DEEP is drafting a form letter which would streamline adding the material as acceptable.
- CT DEEP recycling initiative – What’s in, What’s out – what’s in your mixed recycling bin. Need to have statewide standards. Robust initiative – Brian and Jen on program board – Governor rolled out – good example of where CRC can partner with to help get info out. Will be rolled out in next 30 days.

#### **Earth Day Education Table**

- At Chatfield Hollow B&B in Killingworth, April 22, 2017. Janice will represent CRC.
- One page flyer created by Julie & Ray. Will be on website and also send out to board members.
- Do we have banner? Winston has some items. Janice will contact.

Next meeting – May 17, 2017

Adjourned – 11:05