

Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC)
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes 5/17/17

Board Members Present: Dan McGowan, Tom Gaffey, C.J. May, Virginia Walton, Janice Ehle-Meyer, Brian Paganini, Jen Heaton-Jones, John Pizzimenti

Others present: Lesley Mancini, Julie Cammarata, Ray Collins, Maureen Connaughton, Lori Vitagliano, and Robin Bennett

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 9:06 am.

Approval of March 22, 2017 Minutes

Tom made a motion to accept minutes from April 19, 2017. Janice second. Motion approved.

Board of Directors Vacancy Vote

- Dan explained how the two positions on the Board of Directors are vacant. The nominees were contacted who were on the January ballot. There was no response from Neal Graner or Sonja Barkman-Caruso, DEEP declined. Nominations were made by CJ for Lori Vitagliano, Regional Water Authority and Richard Ireland, Plainville Recycling & Solid Waste Commission. The motion was seconded by John. Motion passed unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

- CJ explained the summary of the treasurer's report and the bank balance by month.
- CJ explained how the proposed budget was organized. Discussions followed:
 - Onetime expenses: Past State fees, Initial Memberzone Setup, Past Year Stipend
 - CJ is looking into what the \$720 TD Bank fees are. The fees may be eliminated and possibly reimbursed.
 - Is this the 2017 or the 2018 budget?
 - Consideration to change the start and end of the budget year, March to February or July to June? Should the membership year be the same?
 - New budget needs to be adopted before it takes effect.

Budget Subcommittee Update: (Dan, CJ and Janice)

- CJ explained that the goal for the budget is to increase the conference by \$6,000 and increase the Membership by \$16,000. A discussion followed.
A motion was made by Jenny to accept the budget and change the end of the year to July 31st.
The motion was tabled, it will be reviewed for the next meeting.

Government Affairs Subcommittee: (Dan, Chuck, Tom)

There was no subcommittee meeting.

- There was a discussion about Senate Bill 996 –An Act Establishing a Bottle Recycling Fee in Lieu of a Refundable Deposit. The Bill may be dead.
- There was a discussion about House Bill 5618 – An Act Concerning an Increasing in the Handling fee for Bottle Redemption Centers. The Bill is still active. CRC members need to pay attention to what happens with the Bill.
- Dan spoke about the framework for the packaging task force. There will be a meeting on May 25, 2017. It is important for municipalities to be aware and present at the meeting.
- There was a discussion about the strengths of CT state programs and the importance of CRC in the future.

Membership Update: (Jenn, Pam, Brian and Tom)

- Jenn explained that some topics from the membership committee meeting were :
 - How does the base grow?
 - The importance of ongoing activity and keeping CRC present.
 - How CRC meets the members needs

A discussion followed.

Other discussions were:

- Quarterly membership breaks and pro rating memberships.
- Quarterly breakfast meetings.
 - Looking into a legislative breakfast meeting scheduled for June 21, 2017 at the Aqua Turf, with sponsors and charge members. Tom made a motion to have the membership committee move forward with planning the breakfast meeting and to limit spending to \$3,000, Laurie seconded the motion. A discussion followed. The motion was revised to limit spending to \$2,000 by Jenn and seconded by Janice. Motion passed unanimous.
- Addressing recycling hurdles with: Colleges and Universities, waste industry, reuse of waste water, food service and food safety and FISMA changes.

Bylaws Subcommittee:

- Ginny presented the revised Bylaws. The revisions were:
 - Article V- Board of Directors – Section 3 Board Composition – *The Board shall represent local, regional and state Governments, recycling businesses and recycling non-profits. The composition of the board shall compose a majority of local and regional governments.*
 - Article V-Board of Directors – Section 4 Election of Directors – The Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the Members of the Coalition at an annual meeting for which a quorum is present. *The ballots shall be counted by two Directors who are not up for re-election. The results shall be announced during the annual meeting. If there is a tie vote for the last open position, another vote will be held immediately for those in a tie.*

There was a discussion about more businesses allowed as Directors or not. A suggestion was made to look at NERC's organization.

- Article IX- Administration- Section 2 Annual Budget. *A budget committee shall present an operating budget for the next fiscal year to the full Board of Directors four months prior to the new fiscal year. The budget shall be approved no later than the last Board of Directors meeting prior to the new fiscal year.*

A discussion followed with the possibility of having the time frame change.

No Frills Tours

- There was a discussion about different places to have tours including, Plainfield Renewable Energy and Strategic Materials. It was decided that Julie plan a tour of Strategic Materials in July and Plainfield Renewable energy later on.

Compost Pilot Update: (Ginny)

No update.

WRAP: (Dan)

No update.

Earth Day Educational Booth

- Janice talked about the Earth Day celebration at Chatfield Hollow B&B in Killingworth, April 22, 2017. The facility was great with lots of interesting booths. CRC was located in a greenhouse because of rain, all went well. The flyers were gone at the end of the day for CRC. We will be invited back for next year's event.

Next meeting date: 9 am on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, in MIRA's Conference Room, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford.

Adjourned – 10:55. Lunch and learn at the Flying Monkey Restaurant following the meeting.