

Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC)
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes 7/19/17

Board Members Present: Dan McGowan, Tom Gaffey, C.J. May, Virginia Walton, Janice Ehle-Meyer, John Pizzimenti, Dawn Pettinelli, Rich Ireland Jr. , Julie Cammarata, Pam Roach

Others present: Chuck Riegle (phone)

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of May 17, 2017 Minutes

Two spelling amendments. Tom, made a motion to accept minutes from May 17, 2017. Janice seconded. Motion approved.

ReCollect System Presentation

CRC was asked to present, however we declined because of low attendance at board meeting but will present at a later date.

Board of Directors Vacancy

- Vacancy Positions were filled by Rich Ireland Jr. and Lori Vitagliano

Treasurer's Report:

- C.J. handed out a general overview, there are more specific details on TD bank statement and in proposed budget.
- \$59.95 a month for bank fee because we do internet transactions with Memberzone so C.J. certified us and now the fee only \$9.95 for Memberzone service
- New 'zombie' credits with no explanation, C.J. will talk to Ray when he gets back from vacation.
- CRC is caught up with secretary of state fees (17 annual payments of \$50). Now we pay just \$50 annually.
- We have a bank balance of \$30,256.
- Julie Cammarata's payment is \$2,750/month.
- Tom moved to approved treasurer's report and John seconded. Motion passed.

NERC Membership Renewal

Request to renew NERC Membership for \$150/year. C.J. made motion, John seconded, motion approved. We send member to conferences. Julie reported that whenever she asked for any assistance from them, they were very responsive. Maybe we should consider being interactive with them.

Budget Subcommittee Update: (Dan, CJ and Janice)

- All 3 met and came up with a budget.

- Budget should be FY from July 1 to June 30 because we need funds going into conference. Should not affect taxes (right now we are not paying).
- A proposed budget was submitted with income & expenses (still need income – first breakfast very successful and are planning another one. Also need to increase membership)
- Motion to approve with suggested change by Tom, second by John, opposed by Chuck but passed.

Government Affairs Subcommittee: (Dan, Chuck, Tom)

- Met by conference call on 7/17/17. Dan, Tom, Chuck & Julie participated. Set up dates for future subcommittee meetings – at 1pm following CRC meetings.
- Major Environmental bills (report by Julie):
 - Hazardous waste – new law requiring DEEP commissioner to adopt hazardous waste regulations consistent with federal regulations (PA 17-242 S 1 effective Oct 1, 2017)
 - Paint Stewardship Program – has until Oct 30 to report annually to DEEP on program (PA 17-78, S2 effective on passage)
 - Waste Conversion Facilities – new law that removes from biological or chemical processes to convert solid waste to energy. Also included 1 – includes mixed municipal solid waste composting facilities as waste conversion facilities & 2- considers waste conversion facilities that reduce more than 2000 tons of solid waste per hour in volume as volume reduction plants (PA 17-218, SS 7-10, effective July 1, 2017)
 - Bills on tire stewardship, general product stewardship & bottle bill died either in committee or on calendar but bottle bill not likely to go away because the state needs money.
 - Ginny suggested the CRC should come up with a position about bottle bill so she and others could bring this to the organizations they work with. We could support the bottle bill not being retracted, increase materials (like glass) collected, redemption centers, deposits for glass?, etc. Could use as a town resolution. As towns agreed to would spur on legislative action.
 - Re: glass deposits – maybe look at Oregon (Chuck) as they have a 15 cents bottle fee. Also some new technology to receive glass redemption machines that can take round or square bottles. Could have at grocery stores? Michigan also looking into this new technology.
- Suggestion from Ginny that maybe we do a panel for legislators on our positions/reasoning for certain issues, like bottle bill. This could be part of our next breakfast. Provide direction where legislative leadership is lacking.

Membership Subcommittee : (Jen, Pam, Brian and Tom)

- CT Beer Wholesalers & Citizens Campaign for the Environment & one more town joined us.
- Need a line item in the budget for a welcoming package for new members.

- Plan on at least 1 more breakfast (maybe 2) before year over. The first breakfast had 50 people in attendance, hoping for 100 at next breakfast. Need a more standardized format. Julie will have more formal report from next meeting.
- For breakfast, Tom suggested get some folks running for governor at breakfasts. Also Brian had idea to have colleges and universities present– emphasizing their recycling practices.

Bylaws Subcommittee: (Ginny, Kim)

- Ginny presented the revised Bylaws. She talked to NERC about board composition. Talked to Lynn Rubenstein. NERC state & regional reps, no industry. They are advisory but cannot vote. Lynn would like them to be on board and had no concern that board would be co-opted by industry but board will not let them on. Also talked to her about annual budget (submitted 4 months before end of fiscal year) and also NERC board members have alternate so there would be someone there to vote in their place.
- Should we look at make up of board – government, non-profit, education, industry – board should represent local, state & regional governments and others interested in recycling – will restate sentence in bylaws.

No Frills Tours

- Quantum in August, Strategic Materials in September

Compost Pilot Update: (Ginny)

- Training by Dawn & Ginny on small operators in October.

WRAP: (Dan)

- Kicking off radio campaign this week focusing on Hartford area. Public works director in E. Hartford, Marilyn K. involved in radio spots. Sherill Baldwin of CT DEEP is trying to get a meeting together for promoting this initiative.

Next meeting date: 9 am on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, in MIRA's Conference Room, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford.

Adjourn 11:02