

**Association of New Jersey Recyclers
Board meeting
Jan. 21, 2014
Bayshore Recycling Corp.**

Present: Dominick D’Altilio, Ron Hutchinson, Monica Gismondi, Donna Caputo, Renne Casapulla, Andriana Kontovrakis, Ernest Kuhlwein, Bill Lehman, Pat McGaheeran, Joe McNellis, Ann Moore, Dan Napoleon, Maite Quinn, Gray Russell, Gary Sondermeyer, Carole Tolmachewich, Matt Vastano, Melinda Williams, Alan Yoss, Marie Kruzan

Excused: Barbara Fielder, Mark Vangieri, Neil Blitz, Wayne DeFeo, Dennis DeMatte, Anthony Giordano, Sr., Penny Jones, Janet Pellichero,

Guests: Jim Entwistle, Frank Brill

Meeting called to order by President D’Altilio at 10:00AM

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of Dec. 13 Board meeting by Ann Moore, seconded by Monica Gismondi . Motion Passed

No correspondence to report.

Vice President Hutchinson reported on the development of the new online school manual and gave the Board a visual run through. Ron indicated that the basics are ready for review and the committee is next looking at putting together short videos to include on the site. The next step is a review by the school manual committee and they hope to be ready to preview the site at the March Annual meeting. Gary Sondermeyer noted that this new manual will dovetail nicely with the new Sustainable Jersey initiative on Sustainable Schools.

Vice President Gismondi reported on the planned events for this year – Annual meeting, March 27 at the NJ EcoComplex, Feb. 25 for the South Swap & Share in Clayton, Feb 20 for the North Swap & Share at the Bergen County Utilities Authority, and Oct. 15 for the Symposium at Jumping Brook Country Club. The Program Committee will be having a planning meeting the first week of Feb at the NJ ECoComplex, and will consider scheduling North & South workshops.

Treasurer Caputo reviewed the Dec. 13 P & L report and the Jan. 1, 2013 thru Dec. 31, 2013 P & L report and the Dec. 31, 2013 Balance Sheet. Motion to file reports for audit - Alan Yoss, seconded by Ann Moore. Motion passed

Donna Caputo presented the proposed 2014 budget prepared by the Finance committee. The proposal first compares 2013 budget and 2013 actual and Donna noted the areas where we fell short in our income projections and noted that our actual expenditures matched the projected expenditures. And note that the main difference was the unbudgeted golf outing and projected workshops which we did not hold as projected. The proposed 2014 budget was then reviewed. Motion to approve the 2014 budget was made by Ron Hutchinson, seconded by Melinda Williams. Motion passed. Budget will now be presented to the full membership for approval at the March Annual Meeting.

Executive Director report was reviewed by Marie Kruzan, who noted we are in the membership renewal process. Marie Noted the Sustaining membership from Integrity Recycling and the Inner Circle Silver membership from Sims Recycling Solutions.

Nominating Committee Chair Dan Napoleon reported the committee is proceeding and has received new nominations.

Melinda Williams reported that Dennis DeMatte will not be returning to work. Melinda Williams made a motion to nominate Dennis DeMatte for Emeritus Membership and for Emeritus Director. Monica Gismondi seconded. Motion passed. Board will formalize this at the March Annual Meeting.

Renee Casapulla discussed revising and upgrading the Jean Clark historical video the Board reviewed at the last meeting, acknowledging certain changes needed to be made and looking to remake the video for use in education programs. The upgrade will require professional help. Renee Casapulla requested funds to upgrade the video. The Board asked to have concrete proposal and President D'Altilio commented that the proposal come from and any payments be made to an individual not as a donation to an institution. The Board approved a motion to have the Leonard Grant Committee, headed by Ron Hutchinson, review a specific upgrade proposal and make a recommendation.

Carole Tolmachevich, Chair of the Food Waste Recycling Committee, reviewed the Food Waste White paper that had been emailed to the full Board, and thanked the primary authors - Gary Sondermeyer and Wayne DeFeo. The White Paper is considered a work in progress, as such has been and will be continually updated as we gather more information. Gray Russell suggested that the tone of the only way to get to 50% is food waste might be moderated with some environmental benefits of recycling food waste and noting the expansion of technologies to handle food waste now available. Creating of markets for food waste recycling products is an important component. The committee has also developed an outreach process and hierarchy that it will follow to gain support before we take the proposal to the legislature. Renee Casapulla noted that in a discussion at the Sussex County SWAC on food waste, the difficulty in getting DEP permits was highlighted. The committee noted a section in the White paper addresses that issue. As the Committee reaches out to various stakeholders, concerns and support will be incorporated.

Motion to support the proposal of the food waste Committee and direct them to move forward was made by Ann Moore, seconded by Renne Casapulla. Motion passes.

Monica Gismondi reported on a meeting held last Friday in South Jersey as 7 counties in South Jersey are facing a crisis in electronics collection. In addition to the 7 counties, Electronic Class D facilities -New Tech Recycling, Thanks for Being Green, and Monmouth Wire were involved in the meeting. Due to manufacturer pull back, lower \$ reimbursement and national CRT glass problems collection programs run by counties, municipalities etc are facing costs that are higher than even before the NJ electronics law passed. Monica invited Jim Entwistle , New Tech Recycling to explain the situation.

Jim Entwistle reviewed the history of electronic recycling in NJ, noting the existing infrastructure that was in place before the mandatory electronics recycling bill. Jim then compared that to the situation that all electronics recyclers are facing now. Manufacturers are driving prices down in the marketplace to save themselves money, out of state recyclers are coming in who do not have to have the same licenses that are required for NJ Class D facilities (hence lower costs), brokers are coming into state

again offering lower fees. Some Class D facilities have cooperative agreement with manufacturers, some do not. Even those having cooperative agreement are facing pressure from manufacturers – lower reimbursement, lower collection requirements. There also appears to be some iffy weight numbers that don't match the reality of what the facilities are seeing. The mix of material that being collected has shifted significantly – when we began the material was split around 60 % CRT (TV and monitors) and 40 % computer, the split now is around 85% CRT and 15 % computers . Hence the economics of processing these materials has changed dramatically. If these conditions are allowed to continue NJ could face losing in state Class D facilities. Already some have left the business and left programs high and dry.

Jim Entwistle noted that New Tech also operates in Conn and noted that Conn law is working much better than NJ. It is not easier to get licensed in Conn but the operating details of the law are much more conducive to keeping the public from bearing the cost of recycling electronics and keeping facilities operating. The main differences that the Conn law that make a difference are: unlimited weight in Conn vs limited weight in NJ; fair pricing set by recycler in Conn rather by manufacturer in NJ; direct bill to manufacturers in Conn vs coop/broker middle man in NJ; list of covered entities and materials.

Jim Entwistle noted we are facing a upcoming crisis in Nj and we need to relook the electronics bill.

The Board established a committee, headed by Ann Moore to look into revising the electronics bill. Monica Gismondi, Melinda Williams, Andriana Kontovrakis, Jim Entwistle, Ernie Kuhlwein, and someone from Middlesex County all volunteered for the Committee.

DEP report form Guy Watson as reported to Dom D'Altilio. DEP is looking to do something about the electronics crisis by working with the \$300,000 in manufacturers fees. Also DEP Commissioner Martin is requesting an additional \$2.3 million in the recycling fund to offset the costs of recycling the debris from Super Storm Sandy.

Dom thanked Bayshore Recycling Corp. for hosting the meeting and for lunch. Drive carefully.

Motion to adjourn – Ann Moore, seconded by Ron Hutchinson. Motion passed.

Submitted by,

Marie Kruzan