

Minutes of the May 20, 2014 ANJR Board of Directors Meeting at the Mountain View Golf Club, Ewing, NJ

Members Present: D. D’Altilio, M. Gismondi, D. Caputo, M. Vangieri, A. Contillo Andersen, N. Blitz, R. Casapulla, W. DeFeo, P. Jones, E. Kuhlwein, P. McGaheran, J. McNellis, D. Napoleon, J. Pellichero, G. Russell, C. Tolmachewich, M. Williams, A. Yoss, M. Kruzan

Members Absent: B. Fiedler, R. Hutchinson, M. Quinn, J. Solewski, M. Vastano

Members Excused: R. Anderson, A. Giordano Sr., A. Kontovrakis, W. Lehman, A. Moore, N. Paquette

Guests: Guy Watson, Frank Brill, Joann Gemenden, Diana Vigilanti, Melissa Harvey

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:26 P.M. An attendance sheet was circulated in lieu of roll call.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the April 22, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Gray Russell made a motion to approve the minutes. Ernie Kuhlwein seconded; all were in favor.

Correspondence:

No correspondences were received.

Officers’ Reports

President’s Report:

President D’Altilio welcomed Angela Contillo Andersen to the board.

He also thanked Mark Vangieri for completing the spring 2014 ANJR newsletter.

President D’Altilio reported that on May 14th, ANJR representatives met with Guy Watson, Mary Jo Aiello and Jane Kozinski of the NJDEP, to discuss the ANJR food waste recycling white paper. The NJDEP representatives expressed the following concerns:

- They are concerned about another “failure” like the electronics recycling law.
- There may not be markets for the final products.
- Will there be a loss of revenues at solid waste facilities.

On May 21st ANJR has a meeting scheduled with Senator Smith to discuss the food waste recycling white paper.

President D’Altilio also reported that the NJDEP will have an intern working on a project to determine where food waste is being generated in New Jersey and the quantities being generated.

President D’Altilio also informed the Board that there needs to be a bylaw change regarding records retention and that the proposed change will be sent to the bylaws committee members in the next few weeks for review.

President D’Altilio stated that Ron Hutchinson and Marie Kruzan are preparing a grant application that could potentially provide NJ with recycling education funding.

President D'Altilio informed the Board that Marie Kruzan is unable to attend the September 16th Board meeting and that an alternate date needs to be chosen. Alternate dates were discussed but a date was not established.

Vice Presidents:

Development:

No report.

Administration:

There was no report.

Program:

Monica Gismondi reported that the dates for the 2 half-day workshops to be held in August have been chosen. The Northern workshop will be held on August 6th in Middlesex County and the Southern workshop will be held on August 13th in Clayton. Agenda topics, speakers, etc., are currently being discussed.

Monica also stated that there will be a programs committee meeting following the board meeting.

Treasurer:

Donna Caputo read the treasurer's report. Monica Gismondi made a motion to file the report for audit. Gray Russell seconded; all were in favor.

Secretary:

Mark Vangieri reported that the Spring ANJR Newsletter was completed and emailed to the membership.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Kruzan reported that Natures Choice has renewed its Inner Circle membership.

Currently ANJR has 357 members.

Committee Reports

Golf Committee:

President D'Altilio reported that sponsorships continue to be received. An email was sent to the membership and the committee is working on securing prizes.

The Board members donated funds towards purchasing signs for the golf outing. \$177 was collected and it will be used towards the purchase of two signs. Any remaining funds will be used towards purchasing gifts. Marie Kruzan stated that volunteers are still needed for working at the golf outing.

New Membership Committee:

Mark Vangieri reported that during the month the committee developed the following for new business members: a draft welcome letter, a membership certificate and a business registration form. ANJR plans to send an email welcoming the new business member to all of the membership and provide the membership with a brief explanation of the services the business offers.

Class B Committee:

No report.

Legislative Committee:

Frank Brill reported that he sent a list of bills to Dominick and Marie. This list will be sent to the Board and if anyone has questions please contact Dominick or Marie.

Food Waste Committee:

Report provided with the Presidents report.

NJDEP Report:

Guy Watson reported the following:

The NJDEP has reorganized. Guy Watson's responsibilities include Solid Waste, Recycling, Medical Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Management. Guy will continue to be Joe Davis's supervisor. Anthony Fontana supervises all solid waste facility permitting. Debbie Pinto's responsibilities include A901 and solid waste planning and Ed Nieliwocki now reports to Ms. Pinto.

Guy reported that there may be some money in the budget for food waste recycling programs. He should know in late June or early July if this money will be available.

Guy stated that the NJDEP is updating the electronics recycling collection area of their web site and he asked the counties to provide their updates if they have not done so already.

Penny Jones asked Guy if he can provide the Board with a NJDEP organization chart once one is available. Guy said he will ask for one to provide to ANJR.

Penny Jones asked Guy if Ross Hull will continue with his duties and Guy stated that Ross has moved to the landfill area.

New Business:

Reenee asked the Board how American flags are being retired in their communities. Since most flags are no longer cotton there is a concern regarding burning synthetic flags. President D'Altilio stated that he will call NJ Veterans Affairs to inquire about their procedures for the retirement of flags.

Adjournment – Reenee Casapulla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Caputo seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 17, 2014 at Integrity Recycling and Waste Solutions, Inc. at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Vangieri, Secretary