

Minutes of the June 17, 2014 ANJR Board of Directors Meeting at the Ridge at Back Brook Golf Club, Ringoes, NJ

Members Present: D. D’Altilio, M. Gismondi, R. Hutchinson, D. Caputo, M. Vangieri, A. Contillo Andersen, R. Anderson, A. Giordano Sr., A. Kontovrakis, E. Kuhlwein, W. Lehman, D. Napoleon, N. Paquette, J. Solewski, M. Kruzan

Members Absent: M. Quinn, A. Yoss

Members Excused: N. Blitz, R. Casapulla, W. DeFeo, B. Fiedler, P. Jones, P. McGaheran, J. McNellis, A. Moore, J. Pellichero, G. Russell, C. Tolmachewich, M. Vastano, M. Williams

Guests: Frank Brill

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:35 A.M. An attendance sheet was circulated in lieu of roll call.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Ron Hutchinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ernie Kuhlwein seconded; all were in favor.

Correspondence:

No correspondences were received.

Officers’ Reports

President’s Report:

Dominick D’Altilio informed the board that he and Marie Kruzan have been invited to a meeting by Jane Kozinski of the NJDEP to discuss improving recycling at retail establishments. The other invitees to this meeting include NJDEP staff, the NJ Business & Industry Association and the NJ Chamber of Commerce. The Board provided President D’Altilio with suggestions for topics to be discussed with the NJDEP.

Dominick D’Altilio reported that on May 21st ANJR met with Senator Smith to discuss S2528. Frank Brill reported that he prepared a letter suggesting changes to S2528. Mr. Brill also reported that there should be no action regarding S2528 prior to the fall, since the NJ Legislature begins its summer break on July 4th.

Vice Presidents:

Development:

Ron Hutchinson reported that Marie Kruzan and he have submitted a concept paper to the Alcoa Foundation for a possible grant to further school recycling assistance. If the concept paper is accepted, the next step is to submit a grant application for \$25,000. Ron and Marie will keep the Board apprised of any developments.

Ron also informed the board that he is still pursuing Princeton Molding, a polystyrene recycler, to become an ANJR member.

Administration:

There was no report.

Program:

Monica Gismondi reported that the registration forms for the 2 half-day workshops to be held in August, will be mailed out soon. The agendas for the workshops are being finalized and all speakers are being confirmed. The committee will also be applying for CEU's for CRP's and CPWM's.

Monica also stated that the program committee needs to start planning for the annual symposium. Two sign-up sheets were handed out to the Board. One was for volunteers to help coordinate the symposium. The second one was for donations for the symposium auction.

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

Treasurer:

Marie Kruzan read the treasurer's report. Ron Hutchinson made a motion to file the report for audit. Monica Gismondi seconded; all were in favor.

Secretary:

No report.

Executive Director's Report:

Marie Kruzan reported that she is preparing the mailing for the July membership renewals. Marie also reported that the food waste committee is meeting on June 20th. She is also working on setting up a follow-up meeting with Senator Smith for September.

Nancy Paquette asked how the updating of the municipal and county recycling coordinators lists was going. She volunteered to assist updating the lists.

Committee Reports

Golf Committee:

Nancy Paquette reported that currently 57 golfers have signed-up to participate in the golf outing. She stated that volunteers are needed to coordinate the outing. Dan Napoleon stated that a photograph should be taken of each foursome and mailed to them.

Nancy also stated that there will be a golf committee meeting following the board meeting.

New Membership Committee:

No report

Class B Committee:

No report.

Legislative Committee:

President D'Altilio asked the Board if we should take a stand on any of the current legislation regarding plastic bags (at least 4 bills). Frank Brill stated that NJ Food Council is against the plastic bag bills and we may not want to anger them.

Andriana Kontovrakis suggested that ANJR invite an opponent and a proponent of the issue to speak at the symposium.

Food Waste Committee:

Included in Executive Director's report.

NJDEP Report:

No report.

New Business:

Monica Gismondi reported that local County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Agencies have been directed by the State to conduct less recycling inspections per month. Monica and many of the county and municipal representatives are concerned that this could have a negative impact on recycling enforcement in NJ.

Marie Kruzan received a telephone call from Jim Entwistle of Newtech Recycling regarding his concerns that many brokers are taking computer equipment from NJ communities at what he believes is a reduced rate. Mr. Entwistle is concerned that NJ recyclers will go out of business. He is asking ANJR for support of a bill; however he has not provided ANJR with any details. Marie Kruzan will keep the Board apprised of any additional details.

Adjournment – Ron Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Napoleon seconded, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM. The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2014 at GreenSky Industries, Clifton.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Vangieri, Secretary