

Present: John Alphin, Jan Ameen, Tracy DeMaio, Amy Donovan, Justine Fallon, Arlene Miller, Barry Searle, Veronique Blanchard Smith and Eric Weiss.

Agenda:

Eric called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the February 14, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected. (John/Barry)
- B. Treasurer's Report: Jan passed out a treasurer's report for review. She discussed:
  1. The COG and some account signature issues.
  2. Jan reported on public education fee payments. Chicopee has been invoiced and the payment is due on April 8, 2013. Issues regarding the Springfield public education fee were discussed. It was agreed to hold off until our next meeting any further decisions on this since Greg was not present.
  3. Eric suggested that the MAB develop a one-page policy letter/document about public education fee payments. Once adopted, this should be distributed to all MRF member towns. Justine, Jan, Eric and Arlene volunteered to work on that letter. A motion was made (Tracy/John) to develop a policy statement regarding public education fee payments that will be distributed to all MRF towns. The motion passed.
  4. Eric agreed to speak with Greg about the Springfield public education fee payment.
  5. Another motion was made (Jan/Veronique) to issue an invoice to Springfield by 4/15/13 with Eric having a conversation with Greg in advance of that date. Payment will be due by June 30, 2013 (this fiscal year) or the board needs to be contacted by June 1, 2013 with a payment plan. The motion passed.
- C. MRF Operations and Market Update: Justine reported.
  1. Justine reported that MRF tonnage was down in February, more than usual. The total tonnage was 2800 for the month.
  2. Justine said that the dual stream revenue was at \$20.54 for February and that the single stream revenue was close to the revenue share level. She also reported that the paper markets were very low but that Mike anticipates them to improve.
  3. The single stream bottles and cans are now coming from Automated to Birnie Avenue. This is a lot of material.
  4. It was reported that the contamination level at Automated was 8%.
  5. Jan added that her data says that the split between the paper and bottle and can stream is now about 50/50, where some years ago it was more like 65/35.
- D. MAB Priorities: Justine gave an update on the "non-bottle rigid plastic" issue. The MAB had discussed this issue at its last meeting but needed more information about markets before it could make a decision. Mike looked at additional markets and found a good market in North Carolina. But because there is a lot of change going on in the markets, particularly the China plastic market, Mike is recommending that we do not expand our acceptable plastic list at this time. All agreed.
- E. Blue Box News: There was a general discussion about the newsletter going to an electronic format. Justine discussed two options. The Board agreed to do one more paper copy for the May newsletter and to begin the process of moving toward to the electronic copy. There was a motion (Veronique/Amy) to convert the MAB newsletter to an electronic version by July 1, 2013. The motion passed.

- F. Single Stream update: Eric reported that both Westhampton and West Springfield are scheduled to go single stream in April 1, 2013. Tracy commented that as a resident in West Springfield, she loves it.
- G. RRR Update: Arlene and Amy both reported on the progress of the RRR publications that they are working on. The deadline for the Republican RRR text was yesterday so that team is finished. Amy reported that all is going very well with the Gazette version.
- H. Education Committee Update: It was agreed that we would hold off on this discussion until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34AM.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2013.**

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller