

MAB Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2020
Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting
10:00-11:30 AM

Members Present: Véronique Blanchard, Arlene Miller, Mary Stucklen, Juliette Haas, Kathleen Casey, Jan Ameen, Susan Waite, Amy Donovan, Steve Ellis.

Others Present: Mike Moores and Chris Lucarelle, Waste Management Recycle America; Ethan Tupelo, Pedal People

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM

Public Comment Period: No members of the public had comments

Review and approve previous meeting minutes: The June 18th minutes were sent electronically and editing was done online prior to the meeting. Amy moved that the minutes of June 18th as edited be approved, Jan seconded and the vote was unanimous with Juliette, Kathleen and Mary abstaining.

MRF Update- Mike Moores reporting: Operations are going smoothly and there are no issues at the Birnie Avenue facility. In the fiber markets, sorted residential is at \$30/ton this month and OCC dropped \$25 and is now at \$60/ton. Mixed plastics were landfilled this month but this has now stopped. The Avon facility had a retrofit completed this week, so the MRF will send a load a week to Avon for additional sorting. Syms is beginning to take material again, so the MRF will send one load to Syms a week which will take care of all the mixed plastic (#3-7) generated. Arlene asked for an update on who has signed the new Bulky Rigid Plastic contract. Mike said most but not all those who had participated before have signed. Arlene asked if Mike could send her the list of who has signed to date.

MRF invoicing: Chris Lucarelle reporting: Chris reviewed the invoice form, which had been sent electronically to MAB members. These forms come out of their Minnesota office. Arlene asked if we can get any information on tonnages from single stream towns? Chris said the only information they would be privy to would be the number of tons transferred from Automated Materials Handling on Tremont Street. They would not be privy to any information on Average Market Value calculations or the processing fees paid by the single stream communities. Jan recommended the following alterations to the invoices:

- Identify the month of delivery, for example change to say 'recycling services month of May'
- Change to read 45 days instead of 30
- Backup - each ticket can record two lines
- Would like to have dual stream processing fee listed as a charge, and then AMV represented as a credit/rebate, so you can see the math on each.

The AMV listed is effective for the first of the month, so AMV will be current; Chris said at the time of the invoice the AMV listed will be for the current month.

Treasurer's Report and review of 2021 budget– Jan reporting: Jan reported no changes in the budget. The \$10,000 from Waste Management Recycle America has arrived, as well as one more invoice from Jessica Wozniak for the MRF Facebook page. It was mentioned that the \$10,000 could be used for all of dual stream designated community material in education grant if we choose, and if we use those funds for this year then there will be more of last year's carryover left for use by the former single stream communities.

Budgeting for face Book Posts – Veronique reporting: Facebook charges \$5-10 per boost per post. Jessica Wozniak has suggested a budget of \$100 and boost once a month on posts which are already gaining traction and then see how it goes. Jan moved that the board approve a budget of \$300, to be used on Facebook posts, at the discretion of the Facebook subcommittee. Juliette seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor. When the money is close to running out, the

subcommittee can come back to the board with a report and suggestions on whether or not to continue with the boosts. Jan proposed that the subcommittee speak with Jessica about other social media as well, such as Instagram.

City of Springfield Update: Arlene reported that the response letter was sent to the City, and Arlene has asked Cristina Ferrera if there has been a response to the MAB's letter. Cristina said that all she knows is that currently the letter is being reviewed by the law department which will be determining how to proceed. Cristina asked the City for clarification about her role on board; she is no longer a member but has been directed to attend any open public meeting.

RRR Update: Distribution (Susan and Arlene): We will put a stack of 100 of each version at the MRF. Any ideas about how to distribute them? Juliette mentioned that their green committee wants to do a south county guide and base it on the RRR guide.

By-Law vote on quorum as approved at the June meeting: Last month the board read and approved a change to Article 7 deleting the phrase "which shall equal 8 representatives present". Jan moved that we accept the amendment which was voted on at last meeting. Véronique seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

MAB representatives/Board Elections: There is still some uncertainty around the list so we tabled again this month the reorganization of the MAB representative list.

Juliette nominated a slate of officers for the board election: Arlene Miller as Chair, Kathleen Casey as Vice Chair, Jan Ameen as Treasurer and Véronique as Clerk. Susan seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

We all acknowledged Tracy's amazing work as Chair during the very tumultuous time this past few years, and for leading us with grace and intelligence. We are where we are today because of her amazing efforts.

Public Education Outreach Material – review item list: Amy let us know that they have updated the MAB page of what's recyclable, and said our webmaster is fantastic. The subcommittee has been working on the five items approved to be put out as a mini menu to present as well as past MRF communities. The subcommittee has decided that the letter and menu can be sent out on July 27th and we will give member communities a month to respond. In figuring out the points and monetary values for the menu, Tracy reduced the points to one quarter of previous year's grants, which came out to a potential of \$17,000 in expenditures. Amy is currently getting quotes for printing.

Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM

The next MAB meetings have been scheduled for August 20th, September 17th at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Véronique Blanchard, Clerk