

MAB Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MAB Members Present: Abbey Massaro, Jan Ameen, Tracy DeMaio, Arlene Miller, Linda Cernik, Michael Pattavina, Steve Ellis (DEP), and Rene Wood

Others: Ethan Tupelo, Mike Moores and Chris Lucarelle (Waste Mgmt.), and Cristina Ferrera (DPW)

The meeting was called to order at 9:32am by Chair A. Miller. The following agenda items were taken up.

1. Public Comment Period. None

2. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes. *R. Wood made, and J. Ameen seconded, a motion to accept the 4/28/22 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. M. Pattavina made, and J. Ameen seconded, a motion to accept the 5/19/22 minutes as presented. The motion passed with T. DeMaio and R. Wood abstaining.*

3. MRF Update. The monthly tonnage report and attest signature certification had been received prior to the meeting. M. Moores reported no operational items; the roof repairs on the administration building, per the building inspection report, has been repaired; and the parking lot repairs should be completed by September. Production is good with prices stable overall, but C. Lucarelle commented on signs of a possible recession. These included slowdowns in cardboard demands from big box stores as consumers shift spending; at least one carpet producer slowing production; and no PET shipments for rest of June, as SMRF buyers have filled their needs. Possible new glass buyer in CT – Positive – that makes a lightweight concrete out of glass. Negotiations ongoing as to price. Hauling charges are offsetting prices, such as glass and record highs in PET markets. Market prices are being impacted by increased transportation costs. He discussed a decreased volume at SMRF – about 200 tons, likely due to a number of reasons including change in Holyoke from double to single stream; Covid impacts on at-home work/study/dining and return to more pre-Covid routines; end of home cleanouts; and other changes in patterns from pre-, Covid, and post-Covid. Other comments included S. Ellis noting the SMRF facilities tour went well; M. Moores bringing up the issue of hauler's contract at SMRF and honoring/changing them; and A. Donovan's lack of success in getting contributions to fund the new signage on the SMRF building front.

4. Treasurer's Report. J. Ameen reviewed both the June 2022 and the proposed FY23 budgets. In wrapping up the FY22 budget, she noted 2 outstanding South Hadley grants totaling \$1400 for J. Golden "Garbage Is My Bag" shows. A. Donovan had emailed South Hadley about the outstanding grants and the need to use the grants by the end of FY22. These grants were part of the 2021 MAB Educational Materials Menu. Discussion ensued with some in favor of extending the period for using the grants into FY23, finding out why they were not able to put the Jack Golden shows on, and others wishing to terminate the grants. *R. Wood made, and J. Ameen seconded, a motion to rescind this grant funding to South Hadley and put the \$1400 back into the general fund; the motion passed 4-2-1 with J. Ameen the abstaining.* J. Ameen will discuss with A. Donovan an appropriate letter of explanation to South Hadley.

J. Ameen reviewed outstanding bills and overbilling by the Gazette. She discussed funds in the other accounts and how such funds were transferred to the proposed FY23 budget. Discussion ensued with video and Gazette payments and Special Projects receiving suggestions, including Spanish translations of MRF materials to reach more users and enable each community to earn part of a new RDP point. It was noted funds may be moved during the fiscal year. Final amended figures were \$31,800 in Carry Over; \$41,800 in Rev Total; and FY22 Carry over \$7,300. **R. Wood made, and M. Pattavina seconded, a motion to accept the FY23 budget as amended; the motion passed unanimously.** J. Ameen will email the adopted FY23 budget to all members.

Later in the meeting after the Video Subcommittee's report, J. Ameen discussed the funding source for the \$2,300 due Reelife. **J. Ameen made, and T. DeMaio seconded, a motion to pay Reelife \$2300 out of the Waste Management funds. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. MRF Outside Artwork: Update. Chair Miller had already reported the lack of funding support she had sought; no other discussion.

6. Annual Election of Officers. A. Miller asked for volunteers and the slate put forth was A. Miller, Chair; L. Simmons, Vice-Chair; J. Ameen, Treasurer; R. Wood, Clerk, provided she doesn't have to do the record keeping function, which was agreed to; and T. DeMaio; Member at Large. **R. Wood made, and M. Pattavina seconded, a motion to accept the officers slate as presented; the motion passed 7-0-1, with S. Ellis abstaining.**

7. Video Sub-Committee Update. A. Massaro began by discussing the Carton Council's country-wide use of the *Me and My Bin* video, commenting that they are doing marketing and outreach for MAB and SMRF in the process.

The three videos under final development were discussed. R. Wood made a motion to accept them pending final details. The Chair did not accept the motion and it was not seconded. Subsequent comments focused on how to make it useable for Single Stream communities. It was determined that, except for an additional separation step, the process after this step is the same for SS and DS communities. Ideas of how to address this were briefly discussed and the subcommittee was tasked with addressing this unanimous concern.

Payment for the \$2300 owed Reelife was discussed and **J. Ameen made, and M. Pattavina seconded, a motion to pay Reelife \$2300 in FY22, with a commitment to pay the additional costs in FY23. The motion passed unanimously.**

A. Massaro briefly discussed general branding, particularly a logo to be used on Facebook and elsewhere and requested up to \$300 for this effort. **M. Pattavina made, and T. DeMaio seconded, a motion to spend up to \$300 in branding costs. The motion passed unanimously.**

She also noted that the videos will be available at the SMRF for their tours and the technical issues have been resolved.

8. MAC Update. S. Waite was not present so no update

9. Other Business. A. Massaro discussed nominating the MAB for an award. No motion was made on this and she will file the application.

10. Next Meeting. Unless needed, and then likely an Executive Committee meeting, no meeting is scheduled for July. August 18th at 9:30am is the next scheduled meeting.

11. Adjournment. *R. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by J. Ameen and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.*

Respectfully submitted,
Rene Wood

Documents used in the meeting:

- 6/23/22 MAB meeting packet; MAB FY22 June budget; MAB FY23 draft budget; 5/19/22 and 4/28/22 draft meeting minutes; Monthly Tonnage report and Attest signature page for this report