

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting

March 11, 2015

NRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd., Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: Michael Faller, Meredith; Brad Harriman, Ossipee; Brewster Vittum, Ossipee; Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster; Brian Patnoe, Littleton; Michael Provost, Alexandria; Patrick Bowne, Dunbarton; Carol Burgess, Greenfield; Patrick Greene, Greenfield; John Keane, BCEP; Joan Cudworth, Hollis; Barry Weeks, Meredith; David Bowles, Canterbury; Dale Sargent, Meredith; Chuck Witcher, Candia; Terry Bowles, Loudon; Tim Redmond, Weare; David Hartman, Warner; Steve Bennett, Loudon; Dustin Bowles, Loudon; Roberta Orsini, Portsmouth; Jacob Levenson, Portsmouth; Steve Wheeler, Salisbury; Scott Greenwood, Moultonborough; Jon Edgerly, Bartlett/Jackson; Whitney Malcolm, Northfield; Shane Dow, Northfield; James Gooden, Whitefield; Roger Rice, Lee; Steve Doumas, Merrimack; Lisa Stevens, BCEP; Adrienne Hutchinson, Canterbury; Fred Garofalo, Lisbon; Gerry Cornett, New Boston; Bob Vahey, Hartford, VT; Paul Colburn, Walpole; Ken Tripp, Andover; Melanie Doiron, NHDES

NRRA: Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, Marilyn Weir, Mike Nork, Stacey Morrison

Tim Redmond Called the Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- I. **Introductions**-Group introductions were made.
- II. **Vendor Spotlight**-Non Ferrous Metals work shop with Eds Harding/Harding Metals. Eds discussed the various non-ferrous metals accepted by Harding Metals and how to separate materials to maximize return.
- III. **Approval of Previous Minutes**-Roger Rice called for a motion to accept the notes from the February 11, 2015 meeting as written. Paul Colburn seconded and the motion passed.
- IV. **Market Update**-Mike Nork gave the market update stating that it's been a tough winter for many commodity markets. In the fiber market, #8 News is down \$5, Office Paper is down \$5 as well. OCC & Mixed Paper have been holding steady with OCC at about \$80/ton and mixed paper at \$30-\$40/ton. Mike reminded members to keep their material as clean as possible to maximize the market value. With Export markets not what they used to be, Domestic mills are filling up faster and are more selective about material they will accept. Plastics pricing has dropped over the past few months but is up about \$.02 this month which could be due to the recent increase in gas prices. #1-#7 Plastics are down a little. Mike said this may be due to contamination issues. The Scrap Metal market has been rapidly changing over the past several months. It is still coming down but not quite as quickly as it once was. Mike also reminded Members that there is only one month left of the special value pricing for Freon Recovery. Barry Weeks asked if Schnitzer would take de-valved propane tanks with Scrap Metal. Schnitzer will not accept them with the scrap metal.
- V. **Single Stream Update**- Marilyn/Mike Durfor gave a very brief update on Single Stream recycling stating that it is still producing very low to no revenue at this time. This is primarily due to the processing costs and contamination issues at the mills.
- VI. **Facility Access/Lock Boxes**-Mike D. addressed issues that we've had as of late with drivers getting to facilities and then not being able to get in. Though facilities should not be left open, lockboxes-such as the type used in real estate-would be a viable solution. Scott Greenwood of Moultonborough stated that he has a combination lock on his gate and that works very well.

- VII. **Webinar Feedback**-Mike called for a round of applause for Marilyn for her major role in our recent Webinar which, by all accounts, was a success! So far all of the feedback that we've received is positive. We hope to do more Webinars in the future. If Members missed the Webinar, it is available on our website and DES credits are available for viewing the recorded version of it.
- VIII. **Conference Update**-Mike told Members that registration for our 34th Annual Conference would be opening up shortly. He encouraged members to sign up to attend as we have a great line-up of workshops which include: Single Stream Contamination, a PGA Workshop and PaintCare to name a few. Rob Watson, who spoke at our Annual Meeting in November, will be there to give an update on the Houston "One Bin" Project and we have a great performer for the School Awards Luncheon lined up.
- IX. **New Hampshire the Beautiful**-Stacey gave an update of which signs were currently on hand through NHTB's Sign Program. She announced that the NHTB's Board recently met to vote on recently submitted grants and that all of the grants requests submitted were approved. The next NHTB Board meeting will be in June at NRRRA's Conference. Members were urged to submit grant requests to Stacey before the first week in June. Stacey also announced that the Litter Free NH Blue Bags would soon be available.
- X. **School CLUB Update**-Gwen Erley joined the meeting to give a quick update on what the School CLUB has been up to as of late.
- **Other Business**-Melanie Doiron (NHDES) reminded members that the NHDES is still taking comments/suggestions for their Self Inspection Forms. Trainings and workshops have been updated on the NHDES website. Melanie announced that NHDES may have funding for a new solid waste operator trainer and she then reminded Members that the AFR (Annual Facility Report) is available on-line and is due March 31st. Sally Hyland questioned the group regarding the standard protocol regarding volunteers and liability issues. Chuck Witcher stated that his Town has the volunteers sign a waiver absolving the Town of liability. Melanie (clarified by Sharon Yergeau) added that the rules in Chapter 1600 say that volunteers are exempt from certification provided:
 - (1) The volunteers engage only in activities that are essentially non-hazardous, such as providing information to facility users and sorting recyclable materials;
 - (2) The volunteers work under the supervision of a certified operator;
 - (3) The facility owner provides training and safety equipment for each task to be performed that is adequate to ensure that the purpose of these rules, as stated in Env-Sw 1601.01, is met. Marilyn requested to add that Eds/Harding Metals has many trucks out on the roads and, for a fee, can pick up materials. She then added a reminder that members pay about \$45/ton for commingle with glass but if members remove the glass from their commingle they will only pay \$23/ton when it's shipped out to an NRRRA host site.
- XI. **Motion to Adjourn**-Tim called for a motion to adjourn at 10:25. The motion was seconded and passed. The next M.O.M Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m.