

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting
February 10, 2016
NRRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd., Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster; Fred Garofalo, Lisbon; Carol Burgess, Greenfield; Joan Cudworth, Hollis; Hunter Kenny, Bridgewater; David Bowles, Canterbury; Roger Rice, Lee; Chuck Whitcher, Candia; Patrick Bowne, Dunbarton; Lenny William, Strafford; Craig Hastings, Strafford; Regan Pride, North Country Council; Jacob Levensen, Portsmouth; Whitney Malcolm, Northfield; Sally Hyland, Nashua; Allan Bolduc, Meredith; Brian Grinavic, Meredith; Michael Adams; David Hartman, Warner; Vanessa Keith, Lempster/Unity.

NRRRA: Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, Marilyn Weir, Mike Nork and Stacey Morrison

Roger Rice called the meeting to order at 9:03

- I. **Introductions**-Group introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Notes**-Roger Rice made a motion to accept the notes from the January 13th, 2016 meeting as written. Dennis Patnoe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Plastics 2016-Report from New Orleans**-Marilyn gave an overview of the Plastics 2016 Conference in New Orleans from which she had just returned. There were roughly 200 exhibitors at this conference and there was a huge focus on film. More plastics are being recycled than ever before. Copies of the presentation were handed out to members.
- IV. **Market Update**-Mike Nork gave the market update. Not much has changed in the paper/fiber market. It's been rather flat lately due to over saturation/supply. The Plastics market is stable though lower than it has been historically. HDPE is down a little but Rigids & PET are the same. Single Stream tipping fees are increasing at Casella Belmont due to an increase in processing costs and the fact that the commodities are worth less than they have been in the past. Scrap Metal isn't strong but it's stable and there's been a small increase in Aluminum cans. Speaking of Aluminum cans, the Connecticut River Valley in Vermont is keeping an eye on NH residents that bring cans into VT for redemption.
- V. **NHDES**- As there was no member of NHDES present for the meeting Mike told the Members that the NHDES certification program is currently lacking a teacher/trainer for their program. They have posted the position and if all goes well, they hope to start back up in April or May with basic training programs. There are some continuing ed. programs being offered in the coming months and Members were encouraged to read the Full of Scrap to see the dates/locations available.
- VI. **MSW/C&D Contracts through NRRRA**-Mike reminded Members that NRRRA can and will bid on both MSW and C&D contracts and for those contracts on which we are not bidding, we would be happy to review and help negotiate.
- VII. **NH the Beautiful**-Stacey reminded members that NH the Beautiful would be meeting the following week to review and grant requests received by the first of the month. Furthermore, Stacey announced that since NHTB recognizes the importance of a floor scale to a Transfer Station, they will now consider grants up to 50% of the purchase price for floor scales. Additionally, NRRRA has a scale vendor who will offer discounts to NRRRA members. This is a great opportunity for any transfer station in need of a floor scale.
- VIII. **35th Emerald Anniversary Conference**-Mike Told the Members that the conference brochure is in progress and should be going out within the next several weeks. All of our workshops are lined up and we have some great speakers! He reminded Members that the conference dates are in May this year so to plan accordingly.

- IX. **Conference Award Nominations**-Mike asked Members to get their award nominations in as soon as possible. Our nomination form(s) will be posted to the website by the end of the week and will also appear in the upcoming Full of Scrap.
- X. **School CLUB Update**- Stacey gave the School CLUB update, letting Members know that Gwen has been very busy wearing many hats: School Conference Planning, School outreach for local schools and working on both the USDA Grants and the Bennington SWIP outreach to both schools and businesses.
- XI. **Electronics**-URT was recently fined for something that occurred 5 years ago (processing and storage of fluorescent bulbs) Mike let members know that he is planning to meet with NHDES to discuss this as it seems unfair since URT did cooperate with DES and they resolved the issue. URT will no longer be processing the bulbs but will continue to pick them up at an increased cost.
- XII. **Mercury Switch Training**-Mike explained to the Members that Schnitzer was told by their legal department that they could not assist with Mercury Switch Training so training is on hold for the current time.
- XIII. **Other Business**-Marilyn wanted to remind Members of NRRRA's Job Pool, a pilot program designed to help bring transfer station workers needing additional work together with transfer stations who need additional staff. Anyone interested in the program should send their information to info@nrra.net. Bonnie announced the Best Buy is now charging people \$25 per TV and CPU brought into their stores for recycling. Mike revisited the John Tierney article and a quote that states "Not everything should be recycled". Mike shared his firm belief that if you can't recycle it, then you shouldn't make it. If you make it, you should contribute to it's recycling.

Gerry Cornett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roger Rice seconded. Meeting ended at 10:35 a.m. The next MOM Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9th.