

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting  
February 8, 2017  
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**Notes**

**In Attendance:** Tim Amabile, Meredith; Mike Tarling, Meredith; Steve Wheeler, Salisbury; Walter Scott, Salisbury; William Coughlin, Salisbury; Glenn Martin, New Boston; Joan Cudworth, Hollis; Sally Hyland, Nashua; Roger Rice, Lee; Steve Bennett, Loudon; Bruce Lee, Loudon; Jacob Levenson, Portsmouth; David Bowles, Canterbury; Chuck Whitcher, Candia; Kevin McKinnon, Retired; Gerry Cornett, New Boston; David Hartman, Warner (Retired); Regan Pride, NCC; Melanie Doiron, NHDES.

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

Roger Rice called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Vendor Spotlight**-The meeting began with an introduction of Todd McHugh from East Coast Containers. Todd gave an overview of his company and their production of storage/shipping containers.
- II. **Introductions**- Group introductions were made.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes** – Chuck Whitcher made a motion to accept the notes from the January 11, 2017 meeting as written. Joan Cudworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Election of Chair** – Mike reminded the group that they would need to vote a new MOM Chair. Gerry Cornett made a motion to elect Joan Cudworth as the new MOM Committee Chair. Sally Hyland seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- V. **Market Update**- Mike Nork gave the Market Update. Interestingly, Fibers are up again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row. OCC is up \$25 this month which is unusual for this time of year. Mike says that this could be due to the “Amazon Effect” and stated that this trend is not likely to last. Plastics have seen a small increase and are mostly holding steady. The #3 - #7 market is touch and go as there is not much of a market for those materials. Scrap metal which was up last month is now trending back downward yet the non-ferrous market is holding steady. The C&D Market will see a slight change with source separated and white wood pricing going up a bit. Mike Durfor added that we may see a bump in copper pricing due to a strike at a copper mine in Chili and also that Waste Management has increased their dumping/tipping fees. Bonnie added a reminder that TABB is no longer accepting OCC headers on PET bales. Gerry Cornett stated that this will make it difficult for their bales to make the weight requirement due to shedding (from lack of headers). Marilyn told Members that if they have enough material, some other mills are still accepting the headers.
- VI. **Mill Direct Outreach** – Marilyn reviewed a recent visit to NRRRA Vendor, Caraustar in Fitchburg, MA. She found this (fiber) mill to be very clean and efficient. They are a “safety first” facility. She said that their biggest challenge seems to be waxed and LDPE products. They like to purchase from us/our members as our materials are typically clean and they pay well for clean product. Marilyn handed out literature regarding safe loading practices.

- VII. **NHDES Annual Reports** – Melanie Doiron announced that the updated NHDES Annual Facility report form is now available on their website. The completed reports are due to NHDES by 3/31/17. There have been some changes in the report as it has been simplified. A guidance sheet has been included to assist. Melanie will check to see if electronic signatures will be accepted. Additionally, the new SW Operator Workshop schedule is posted online and in the next FOS. A new bill will require SW operator refresher workshop every 3 years. This bill will go to vote on 2/9. A discussion regarding closed landfills and ground water testing ensued.
- VIII. **NH the Beautiful**- Stacey reviewed the list of NHtB signs that are currently here and ready for pick-up she also announced the upcoming NHtB Board Meeting that would be held on 2/16. She also told members that we are now accepting orders for Litter Free NH Blue Bags for Spring Clean Ups. Finally, Stacey announced to Members that NRRA is currently running our Annual Compost Bin Sale and asked Members to contact her or Lindsay for more information.
- IX. **School CLUB Update**-Mike updated Members about Sarah's outreach to several NH schools. She has already set up several meetings in schools across the State and recently attended a very well attended meeting in Hollis. We hope to see a rebirth in school recycling and a boost in student conference attendance thanks to Sarah's efforts.
- X. **Legislation** – Mike announced that the PaintCare Bill was not reintroduced this year but there has been an e-waste bill introduced to the committee but not yet reviewed.
- XI. **Conference Update** – Mike told members that the 2017 Conference workshops are lined up including a panel discussion regarding e-waste. The conference brochure is in the works and will be available soon.
- XII. **Other Business**- Mike announced an Organics and Composting Stakeholders Meeting that will be held at the local government center in Concord on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He will also be participating in Talkin' Trash 4.0 in Manchester in April; this year's focus will be on landfills.

Gerry Cornett called for a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Chuck Witcher seconded. Meeting Adjourned. The next MOM Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the NRRA Office in Epsom.