

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting  
April 12, 2017  
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**Notes**

**In Attendance:** Joe Cuddemi, Bennington; Gerry Cornett, New Boston; Matt McLain, Weare; Reginald Roy, Andover; Toby VanAken, Lee; Lisa Stevens, BCEP; Steve Doumas, Merrimack; Kyle Fox, Merrimack; Benjamin Knapp, Weare; Jacob Levenson, Portsmouth; Tim Allen, Warner; Fred Garofalo, Lisbon; Regan Pride, NCC/PBSWD; David Hartman, Warner; Sally Hyland, Nashua; Gerry Purdy, Deerfield; James Gooden, Whitefield.

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

Joan Cudworth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Introductions-** Group introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes** – Joan Cudworth made a motion to accept the notes from the March 8, 2017 meeting as written. A correction to the notes was noted (On 3/8 Joan called the meeting to order, NOT Roger Rice as written). Motion to accept the amended notes was seconded by Roger Rice and passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update-** Mike Nork gave the Market Update. Fiber prices are quickly falling. Mixed Paper has dropped \$60-\$70 a ton from the beginning of March but it wasn't a surprise as it brings the market to a more sustainable level. The domestic market seems to be holding steady. OCC pricing is still pretty good compared to recent years. Bonnie recently had a load of OCC sell for \$200 /ton! China has implemented "Platinum Sword" Standards to ensure only clean, uncontaminated products are imported into their country which has impacted our (fiber) export market. Plastics has seen another month of price increases. HDPE is up \$0.03. Scrap Metal market is flat. A few minor ups and downs noted but no indications of major changes to come any time soon. Mike reminded Members that the Summer Freon pricing rate (\$9.00/unit) is now in effect as of 4/1. A brief discussion regarding mixed paper contamination and subsequent grading followed.
- IV. **Composting & Organics Stakeholder Meeting**– Melanie gave an overview of the April 5<sup>th</sup> Composting & Organics Stakeholder meeting which discussed such things as NH & VT regulations, roadblocks, markets, etc. More meetings and focus groups are planned for the future to assist in increasing composting in NH. Mike (Durfor) thanked NHDES for clarifying regulations regarding meat and dairy in composting and permits. There is no current BMP (best management practice) in NH for composting. Standard permits are needed for meat and dairy as opposed to "permit by notification". A discussion regarding testing for contaminants (mercury , etc.) followed.
- V. **Talkin' Trash Re-cap** – Co-sponsored by EBC and SWANA. Two new workshops added. Mike reviewed slides from the presentation regarding landfills which are quickly filling up. Many recyclables are still going in the trash.
- VI. **Sony Free Box Program-** Mike discussed a program that Sony has. They send collectors a box, all Sony branded electronic materials can go into the box at no charge. The hope is that other manufacturers will follow suit with similar programs.

- VII. **NRRA Conference Update** – Early Bird Registration deadline will be ending on 4/17 so Members were encouraged to sign up soon if they have not already done so. Mike briefly listed some of the workshops that were lined up for this year.
- VIII. **NHtB Signs & Grants** – Stacey announced that the NHtB Litter Free Blue Bag campaign has been very successful this year so anyone who wished to get Blue Bags should get them while supplies last. NHtB will be meeting at the NRRA Conference to review Grant Applications received by May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- IX. **School CLUB Update** – Mike updated Members on all of the great work that Sarah McGraw has been doing while visiting schools, reviewing waste contracts, and creating STAR reports with Gwen’s assistance. After reviewing some waste contracts, Sarah and Mike uncovered a lot of missed savings and hidden fees. Gwen has been busy preparing for the 8th Annual School Conference on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- X. **Other Business** – No other business was addressed.

Roger Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25, Gerry Cornett seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next MOM Meeting will be following our conference in June or July.