

RAM Board Agenda
March 19, 2015 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rock Tenn Facility
(Recycling Association of MN - Offices)
2250 Wabash Ave - Saint Paul - Board Room

Conference Call Details: 1-605-562-3000, Pass code: 591335#

Agenda item	<i>Discussion lead</i>	Action Requested	Time allotted
Call to Order/Roll Call	<i>Reed</i>		11:30-11:35
Approval of Agenda and Minutes Feb 19, 2015	<i>Reed</i>	Approval	11:35-11:40
Annual Reviewed Financial Statement/990	<i>Anseth</i>	Approval	11:40-12:00
Break for Dishing up Lunch			12:00 12:10
Treasurer's Report, Dashboard	<i>Wollschlager/ Mattacola</i>	Approval	12:10-11:50
Conference Update	<i>Mattacola</i>	Approval	11:50-11:55
Brita's Program Updates	<i>Sailer</i>	Discussion	11:55-12:15
Maggie's Program Updates	<i>Mattacola</i>	Discussion	12:15 – 1:05
SWANA MOU Update	<i>Mattacola</i>	Discussion	1:05-1:10
Other Business			1:10-1:30
Adjourn	<i>Reed</i>	Approval	1:30

Next board meeting April 16, 2015

Recycling Association of Minnesota

Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting – February 19, 2015

Meeting Location: Board Room at the RockTenn Facility, St. Paul, MN

Board Members Present: Michael Reed, Mike Larson, Lorilee Blais, Rob Friend, Jean Lundquist, Mark Rust, Rachel King, Bill Keegan, Michael Whitt, Amy Ulbricht; *By phone:* Nathan Reinbold, Doug Lien, Sandy Gunderson, Mary Chamberlain, Tim Goodman, Spencer Best

Board Members Excused: Greg Nelson, Julie Mooney, Jim Wollschlager

Board Members Unexcused:

Staff Present: Maggie Mattacola and Brita Sailer

Others Present:

Call to order

Board Vice Chair, Michael Reed, called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

Agenda and Minutes

Reviewed the February meeting agenda and minutes. With no changes being made to the February agenda, Mike Larson made a motion to approve the agenda and Tim Goodman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Some grammatical changes to the minutes were made changing words from 'on' to 'an' and 'than' to 'then' and 'starting' to 'started' for the section on Employee Manual Changes and changed a word in the minutes made about the Treasurer's Report/Dashboard from 'with' to 'will'.

Michael Whitt made a motion to approve the amended minutes and Mark Rust seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report/Dashboard

Maggie presented the highlights of the February dashboard. Membership in January 2015 was 273 members and 249 members in February 2015. There were several memberships that weren't renewed or have lapsed. It was noted that there is an outstanding bill of \$1,000 out of the original \$2,500 bill for an agency that purchased rain barrel/compost bins. Several attempts have been made to recoup the bill from them. It was suggested that recapture of the funds might have to come from small claims/collection agency. Bill Keegan made a motion to approve the February dashboard, Rob Friend seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the board approved the motion.

HR Manual Updates

Maggie reviewed new and updated sections in the HR Manual that were drafted by the lawyer.

MRF Operator Training

Maggie noted that 8 people had registered thus far for the training and that 40 people are needed to break even on the event costs.

Break for Lunch

There was a break for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened the Board meeting at 12:30 p.m.

2015 Conference Update

There is a conference planning meeting scheduled for 2/25 from 1:00-3:00. There have been emails sent out to the membership for giving more input for speakers/topics for the conference.

Brita's Program Updates

See Brita's Program Updates that were emailed prior to the meeting for talking points and topics that Brita discussed with the Board.

Maggie's Program Updates

See Maggie's Program Updates that were emailed prior to the meeting for talking points and topics. Maggie did not give a formal verbal report to the board in the interest of time constraints. Much time was taken up by reviewing the draft changes section by section of the HR Manual amongst the Board Members.

Other Business

1. Target Center
 - a. Mark Rust has developed a letter to send to the Timberwolves at Target Center to put recycling in suites and encourage recycling throughout the entire facility overall. Nathan noted that the Target Center is owned by the City of Minneapolis and asked if there was developments being down at the city or Hennepin County level to address recycling at the target Center and especially since there will be the recycling mandate for commercial businesses and sporting arena/centers/fields.
2. Commodity Price Concerns
 - a. Bill discussed the decreasing commodity prices and concerns around single sort recycling impacts to markets and prices. There is a lower demand for mixed paper/fiber for export. There is lower plastic prices due to following the oil barrel prices. The market for newsprint is still strong. UBC prices have decreased 13% in the last month. Scrap metal pricing has dropped from around \$150.00/ton to \$90.00/ton. Glass has seen a recent 200% price correction as well.

Adjourn

Bill Keegan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tim Goodman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:54 p.m.