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April 18, 2024

1. Bring Meeting to Order: Meeting brought to order at 7:05 p.m.
Meeting held at UARRC
2. Board Members & Alternates Present:

Diana Hauser (Unity)	Michael Berry (Thorndike)
Phil Bloomstein (Freedom)	Paige Zeigler (Montville)
Jenny Tibbetts (Jackson)	Kip Penney (Knox)
Greg Falzetta (Thorndike-ALT)	Ross Nason (Dixmont)
Leigh Juskevice (Manager)	
3. Board Members & Alternates Absent:

Beth Soucie (Unity)	Eleanor MacMakin (Freedom-ALT)
Don Pendleton (Dixmont-ALT)	Robert Hogg (Troy)
Jeri Roberts (Jackson-Alternate)	Sharon Hibbard (Montville-ALT)
4. Agenda Adjustments:
add Safety Report
5. Approve March 21, 2024 Minutes:
a Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved
6. Manager's Report April 18, 2024:
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The electronics room was cleaned out by North Coast Services in Hampden, and the guys have been keeping up with anything new coming in. We've shipped out a load of OCC and mixed paper last week. We're hoping to ship some plastic soon. We have 32 bales of plastic, mostly #2 natural and #1 Pete, but according to Vic with MRRA, customers are cracking down on #1, looking mostly for redemption bottles, and not food containers. He's putting together a load, but it will be #2 colored and #3-7. Hopefully soon. I've been working on the flyer for the EDDM. Traffic has been heavy this week. Everyone seems to be doing spring cleaning.

Comments/Discussion:

Questions as to why Vendors weren't taking more plastics

The Warehouse has been cleaned up quite a bit and items removed.

A Flyer (to be mailed) has been designed by Leigh.

Very positive & informative.

A discussion about different types of films.

7. Election of Officers:

a nomination for Phil Bloomstein as Chairperson Motion Made, Seconded & Approved

a nomination for Paige Zeigler as Vice-Chairperson Motion Made, Seconded & Approved

a nomination for Michael Berry as Treasurer Motion Made, Seconded & Approved

a nomination for Diana Hauser as Secretary Motion Made, Seconded & Approved

All nominated candidates were approved/elected.

8. File/Policy Update & Safety Committee:

The focus of every plan/policy is that of Workers' Safety.

Greg reported that safety infractions noted by the Dept. of Labor last year have been corrected. The Safety Committee (Ross, Greg & Mike) have been working hard to improve our safety in all areas - looking at OSHA regulations and determining UARRC's compliance.

The Manager will be executor of these plans and will compile training schedules and compliance folders.

9. Individual Membership Dues Increase:

Past & Present discussions have focused on increasing non-member dues.

(A non-member is defined as a person(s) or household not residing in the member towns.)

A Motion was Made, Seconded & Approved to raise our non-member fee to \$40.00.

10. Recycling Poster/Flyer:

Designed by Leigh. It was discussed during her Manager's Report.

It will be mailed to residents of our member towns.

11. Warehouse Signage:

E. was working on this but we do not have an update at this time.

12. Posters (Educational):

A poster has been designed by Jenny. She will email Board Members the poster template.

Then we will distribute posters in our respective towns in public areas, town offices and businesses. Designed to publicize & educate the public re: UARRC recycling.

13. Adjournment:

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

14. Minutes Submitted:

Diana Hauser (Unity) UARRC Secretary