

**Recycling Coalition of West Virginia
Committee Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2015
WVDEP Headquarters**

Present: Paul Hayes, Greg Sayre, Kathy McKinley, Tom Aluise, Sandy Rogers, Nicole Hunter, James Young, Carol Throckmorton, Mike Grunau, Robin Sizemore.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Chairman Paul Hayes.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Hayes asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2015 meeting. Greg Sayre made a motion to approve the minutes. His motion was seconded by Kathy McKinley. The motion carried.

Financial Statement:

Treasurer Greg Sayre reported that the Coalition had an operating balance of \$8,889.64 as of May 29, 2015. He reported a grant account balance of \$29,686.06 as of May 29, 2015. Mr. Sayre also reported that \$2,200 in contributions to the Coalition had not yet been deposited. Those contributions are from: RAMCO, Wood County Waste, Putnam County Solid Waste Authority, West Virginia Cashin Recyclables, the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board, Doddridge County SWA and Tucker County SWA.

Budget:

Chairman Hayes went over the proposed budget for 2015. Among the differences in the 2015 budget compared to last year is the \$49,500 REAP Grant. Chairman Hayes also pointed out that \$3,000 has been allotted to update the Coalition's Web site and that advertising rates in the State Journal have decreased. Mr. Sayre made a motion to approve the 2015 budget. His motion was seconded by Mike Grunau.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee – The committee suggested more needs to be done to drive home the lesson that recycling isn't free. Robin Sizemore suggested an addition to the teacher lesson plans highlighting the cost of recycling. She requested the Coalition provide her information in order for her to create the lesson. It will be geared mostly toward high school-age students.

Web site – James Young provided the Coalition with information on the costs associated with updating the Coalition's Web site through GoDaddy. Mr. Young said it appears the site would be relatively easy to update and maintain. Carol Throckmorton made a motion to form a committee to study the transition from the Coalition's current Web site to a new format and look. Nicole Hunter seconded the motion and it passed. Committee members are James Young, Paul Hayes, Tom Aluise and Kathy McKinley. Mr. Aluise said he would contact DEP Social Media Coordinator Brianna Hickman regarding her availability to help with the new site.

Miscellaneous:

Todd Ensign from the Education Resource Center in Fairmont joined the Coalition meeting on the phone and requested help for the upcoming 2015 First Lego League Trash Trek Challenge. Students from across West Virginia will be competing in robotics tournaments later this year and, as part of the challenge, have been tasked with coming up with ways to solve a real-world problem. This year's challenge is solid waste and recycling. Mr. Ensign asked for the Coalition's help in making local solid waste authorities available to answer students' questions and assist in research; serve as judges at the competitions; and set up and man booths at the various tournaments or, at the least, the state championship in December. The Coalition agreed to assist Mr. Ensign. In return, Mr. Ensign agreed to provide staff from the Education Resource Center to give a presentation at the Solid Waste Conference in October at Canaan Valley. Chairman Hayes said he would draft an email to send to the state's local solid waste authorities to fill them in on Mr. Ensign's request.

Next Meeting:

Chairman Hayes set the next meeting for July 30, 2015.

Adjournment:

Chairman Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Kathy McKinley. Respectively submitted by Tom Aluise