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May 19, 2022

1. Bring Meeting to Order: Meeting brought to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Board Members & Alternates Present:

Paige Ziegler (Montville)

Diana Hauser (Unity)

Michael Berry (Thorndike)

Greg Falzetta (ALT Thorndike)

Kip Penney (Knox)

Beth Soucie (Unity)

Phil Bloomstein (Freedom)

Eli MacMakin (ALT Freedom)

Robert Hogg (Troy)

Ross Nason (Dixmont)

Jeff Reynolds (UARRC Manager)

Jenny Tibbetts (Jackson)

3. Board Members & Alternates Absent:

Don Pendleton (ALT Dixmont)

Sharon Hibbard (ALT Montville)

4. Greetings & Introductions:

The UARRC Board introduced its newest members

Eli MacMakin is the ALT from Freedom. We met briefly on ZOOM in April.

Jenny Tibbetts is the new representative from Jackson.

Welcome.

5. Approve April's Minutes:

Motion to Accept, Seconded, Approved

6. Agenda Adjustments:

talk about a new Baler (to be discussed in Manager's Report)

policy regarding non-resident member disposal of freon containing devices

(to be discussed in manager's report)

7. Manager's Report:

Traffic number 'Year to Date' is 2832 - numbers are up

We are currently sitting on 30,359 lbs. of mixed paper and OCC. Most likely

calling for a truck by the end of next week

a load of electronics is going out on June 13th

Jeff discovered a discrepancy in payment for a recent load of materials.

The error has been corrected and we are awaiting a check for balance which is

owed. The difference amounted to just over \$500.00.

Baler - a Baler in N. Vasselboro warehouse. Closing down, want to sell.

very large (Jeff has specifications)  
horizontal baler valued at \$80-\$90,000. It is a time-saver & more efficient  
less labor needed & produces a bigger bale. If price can be negotiated at (circa)  
\$30,000 then budget surplus could handle that, but will be extremely tight  
Associated Costs with the Baler are disassembly, transport & reassembly  
Company will set it up for us, but at what cost?  
Baler would need 3 Phase power (some discussion of that & possibility of 3 Phase  
Power line on the Leonard Rd. to power new solar array at the gravel pit)  
Ross 'estimates' \$10,000 to disassemble, transport & reassemble  
may need to lease a skidsteer  
conclusion of discussion: we can always acquire the baler, store it and parley for  
a grant to defray costs  
Jeff (and Ross) are traveling to inspect the baler  
a motion was made for Jeff "to fact find, inspect & negotiate the price of the baler."  
Jeff is also getting an estimate for disassembly, transport & set up costs.  
Jeff is also preparing a plan to open up space to utilize and/or store the baler should  
it be purchased.  
Motion was Made, Seconded & Approved

Policy regarding non-resident member disposal of freon containing devices  
"Effective immediately, non-resident members of the UARRC will be required  
to pay an additional \$15.00 fee for EACH freon containing device they bring to the  
facility to be recycled. Examples of these devices include, but are not limited  
to: refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners."  
Some discussion on amount charged to remove the freon  
Motion was Made to Accept, Seconded & Approved

8. Financial Report:

see report April 2022 through Marc 2023 Budget vs. Actual

9. Safety Committee:

Don is not present for his scheduled safety report  
some discussion ensued about UARRC manhours (A big increase in customers &  
customer service, some illness & personal matters led to fewer manhours at the  
center) less manhours and fewer personnel impact everything - safety,  
efficiency, service  
mention of a Strategic Plan addressing the 'management' of the facility  
Ross weighed in that one of the 'pillars' of operating a facility is staff.  
options could include more staff, an office manager, overtime pay, more  
hours for Steve; Phil managing the website  
many options to think about

10. Office Clean-Up:

a volunteer day/event to clean up the Office area had little 'traction'  
a discussion ensued - money for physical, structural repairs are not available until  
next budget year. Phil will distribute a 'sign-up sheet' so Board  
members can help with basic cleaning needs. Diana is making a start on  
files and file boxes (presently) on the floor. A question about how long files  
should be/need to be kept. Ross said 'forever'. Jeff is asking the auditor and  
we will go from there.

11. MOFGA's Common Ground Fair:

Diana would like permission to approach MOFGA about a booth/table at the Fair.  
UARRC has a portable table, a banner, brochures, a volunteer (for at least 2 days) and  
it is free.

Some discussion about need for additional brochures

Jenny offered to help

Permission granted and Diana will report on outcome at June meeting.

12. Strategic Plan Discussion:

moderated by Greg

what are feelings about scrap metal/white goods/paint

send to Greg opinions & information so he can rewrite the draft

A good way to look at things - what would be most helpful or appealing to  
the communities

Board members may want to speak to their towns about this

Questions about paint. Some 'paint stores' will accept paint & paint cans

it is somewhat voluntary. The big box stores do not accept paint

talk of a bigger glass crusher (There have been discussions before) - we are  
still looking for a market; storage is becoming an issue; possibility  
of new grants

some questions about lack of sign pointing to UARRC on Rte 220

13. Wrap Up and Assignments:

Diana - gather info about possibility of Common Ground participation

Diana - begin filing & cleaning this coming week

Phil - set up a sign-up sheet for cleaning/maintenance

Phil - volunteered to work on website

email Greg thoughts on Strategic Plan by next meeting

next meeting to be held Thursday June 16th at the UARRC Warehouse

14. Adjournment:

a Motion to Accept, Seconded, Approved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

15. Minutes Submitted:

Diana Hauser (Unity) UARRC Secretary

