

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting  
January 10, 2018  
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**Notes**

**In Attendance:** Ron Nason, Gilmanton, NH; David Hartman, Warner, NH; Patrick Bowne, Dunbarton, NH; Joan Cudworth, Hollis, NH; Toby VanAken, Lee, NH; Dustin Bowles, Loudon, NH; Tara Albert, NHDES; Chuck Whitcher, Candia, NH; Steve Doumas, Merrimack, NH; James Larkin, Danbury, NH; Sally Hyland, Nashua, NH; Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster, NH; Jim Solinas, Brookline, NH; Roger Rice, Dunbarton, NH.

**NRRRA:** Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, Marilyn Weir, Sarah McGraw and Stacey Morrison

Joan Cudworth called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

- I. **Introductions-** Group introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes** – Roger Rice made a motion to accept the notes from the November 15, 2017 meeting as written. Patrick Bowne seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update-**Mike Durfor gave the market update: the biggest change this month is that there was a drop in Mixed Paper pricing, there has been very little change in OCC/Cardboard pricing. Currently, RISI is not even tracking Mixed Paper pricing in China as there has not been any movement in of this commodity in that market. Domestic Mills are over full. Mass DEP has begun issuing waivers allowing mixed paper into burn plants/landfills as there is no other outlet for it.
- IV. **NRRRA Conference** - Mike reminded everyone that this year's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual NRRRA Conference would be on May 21 & 22 at the Radisson in Manchester. We have confirmed Ben Harvey of EL Harvey and Sons as our Keynote speaker and are in the processes of lining up some great workshops. While the ban in China is the biggest factor, other factors are at play too. Mike thinks this could go on for, perhaps, another year. There has been a small increase in the Plastics pricing due, in part, to an uptick in fuel costs. Marilyn chimed in with an update on Bulky Rigid Plastics: We have a mill that will take whatever we can send them in the way of this material. Members were instructed to call Marilyn for specs. Mike announced that ERRCO, our C&D vendor, has increased pricing effective 1/1/18. Scrap Metal pricing has remained fairly steady with a small increase in aluminum can pricing. Bonnie read a statement regarding the Mixed Paper market/pricing from Dave Cameron @ OPR which gave a very good "local perspective" to the current situation. Marilyn explained that we are still moving mixed paper but it takes a bit longer so Members were urged to plan ahead and be patient with pick up and booking times. Marilyn further explained a new type of transit that we have been exploring called "Intermodal" which involves shipping via both truck and by rail. The weight max for these loads is 43,000 lbs. and this type of transport does take 4-6 days longer to deliver but it can be as much as \$300-\$500 cheaper.
- V. **Drop off Round Table** – 2018 Safety Focus, It was brought to our attention that the NHDES website states that all smoke detectors can go into a landfill which is NOT true: Lithium battery type and radioactive type smoke detectors CANNOT go into landfill. Tara will look into having this misinformation corrected on the site.

- VI. **Snow, Ice and Batteries** – Members were reminded to safely remove snow and ice from the tops of containers. Haulers will not haul containers that have snow and ice on the tops as this is a DOT safety violation. A roof rake may be helpful as it is not recommended that staff get on top of the containers to clean them. Also, for open top containers, members were advised that vendors are deducting or adding fees for containers that contain snow/ice. Additionally, Members were reminded about safe storing/handling of batteries.
- VII. **Annual Reports** – Stacey reviewed the time line of Annual Activity Reports and Environmental Impact Reports. Data for these reports is still being entered into our system and the reports should be getting emailed out beginning the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>. Tara took a moment to remind Members that their NHDES Annual Facility Reports were due on 3/31/18 and that the reporting form(s) were now available on the NHDES Website.
- VIII. **NRRA Restructuring** – Mike reminded Members that we now have Ryan Stewart in the role of Logistics Support. Ryan, along with help from Lindsay and Stacey, will be booking routine loads as well as following up on them. Members were urged to be sure to send all requests for pick-ups/loads to our [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) email address or to call and speak directly to Ryan. Bonnie & Marilyn are still working on “bid” request loads. Mike also told members that NRRA would be undergoing a total computer/server migration in the coming weeks so response times and ability may be hindered just a bit.
- IX. **School CLUB Update** - Sarah discussed, in detail, the new Town & Gown grant and the indoor air quality/Green Cleaning assessment that is currently under review as part of this grant. As part of this grant, we will be helping the towns/transfer stations work with the schools. We are currently looking for Towns who want to volunteer as a test study.
- X. **NHtB** – Stacey reviewed the signs that are currently in stock as part of the NHtB free sign program she also announced the date for the next NHtB Board Meeting (2/8/18) and asked that anyone wishing to submit a grant request, do it prior to 2/5/18.
- XI. **Other Business** – Stacey explained to members that there will be days over the course of Winter that NRRA will be forced to close due to inclement weather but assured Members that on those days, someone would be checking both the general voicemail box and the [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) email box so if they have any pressing business, it would be addressed. A member asked what was happening with Bob’s Tires lately as they heard that some local businesses were having a hard time getting them to show up/service. Marilyn explained that there have been some personal/staffing issues at Bob’s and also trucking regulations are making it difficult for him to service the North Country but we were working on it and hoping to continue to service all of our locations. Chuck Witcher asked if there was any update on PGA or new PGA sites and Mike told him that, unfortunately, we had no update at this time. Tara Albert reviewed a list of upcoming NHDES trainings/workshops.

Roger Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47, Dennis Patnoe seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next MOM Meeting will be on Wednesday February 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM