

Present: Sammie Baratta (Lifespan), Dan Matsch (Eco-Cycle), Anne Peters (Gracestone), Mark Woods (Executive), Mike Wright (GRX), Jean Cruzon (G & S Mountain Recyclers), Nathan Bieck (Wireless Alliance), Sandra Boggs (Montana DEQ)

Action Items denoted by ☐

Meeting was called to order at 10:07a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

December 21 meeting minutes approved.

2. Regional approach to e-scrap legislation – Sandra Boggs, Montana DEQ

Sandra is actively looking for regional partners – other states or manufacturers – to improve e-scrap recycling options in Montana. Montana has sponsored 7 special collection events throughout the state, plus a Dell-sponsored event in Bozeman previously. There is no permanent processing infrastructure and no permanent collection infrastructure other than a consolidation point for an out-of-state recycler (Tatooene of Cheyenne, WY) in Bozeman. Sandra mentioned using King County, WA's Take It Back Network as a possible model as well as maximizing existing manufacturer's recycling programs through better education and promotion.

The group discussed the possibility of EPA region 8 states (plus NM) simultaneously introducing similar e-scrap recycling bills. Anne suggested we propose a regional approach at the CAFR Summit, looking to identify barriers to such a plan, then talk more formally at the NRC conference in Denver this fall.

☐ Anne will talk further with Sandra about next steps; Mike will have her get in touch with the UT recycling coalition. Anne and Mike will keep the group informed.

3. Summit workshops

The group agreed that ERRC should request a slot for a morning educational session plus a slot for an afternoon ERRC meeting from Marjie.

☐ Send Sammie ideas for topics, speakers, etc.

4. America Recycles Day

Sammie and Amy are working on a kids' poster to be included in a calendar for ARD as a fundraiser for CAFR. Groups are being asked to sponsor months at \$1000 per month.

☐ Sammie will send out an e-mail with more information.

5. CCHE grant update / Policy Committee update

We will find out about the grant in February. The Policy Committee is mobilizing members to call legislators. Anne also wonders if there's interest within the ERRC to sponsor an OSHA workshop on best practices for an electronics recycler. OSHA does not have regulations specific to electronics recycling, but they do have standards for lifting, moving, etc. to which electronics recyclers should be adhering.

☐ Sammie will explore whether OSHA could be a topic for the Summit.

6. Certification update

Mike and Dan received an update from the Basel Action Network on the status of their certification efforts. The process is about 20% done but completion is dependent upon securing funding from the CTBC for an additional staffer. BAN's existing staff is compelled to continue dialogue with the EPA's effort for a national certification, so they do not have the staff to devote to their own project. Mike is trying to convince BAN to complete the certification so they can hold it up as a high standard for the EPA to consider in hopes that a national certification might address export and prison labor.

7. Increasing ERRC annual dues

The increase to \$50 is in effect; non-paying parties will be removed from the e-mail list.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am -11:15 am