

MINUTES IATSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SAT., JAN. 12, 2008

Attendees: Brad Johnson, Robert Shipman, Becky Constantinides, Phil Scarfo, Pam Ewen, Mark Manchester, Melissa Morgan, Jacqui Hemingway

1. Read proposed agenda. Accepted
2. Minutes from Dec. 8, 2007 read. Accepted
3. Business arising from minutes and reports

a. Update on the GreenScreen Alliance:

The first steps are being taken by the ClusterFund Project. An ad will appear in the current Playback mag calling for applicants interested in putting together a Best Practices Guide and Resources List, and also the formulation of a Certification Programme to recognize films made in an environmentally sustainable way. Producers would strive for this recognition (maybe even a tax credit). This system could be the template for a world-wide standard of sustainable filmmaking. The Alliance will be having a general meeting in the near future, and a notice will go out about when and where. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

b. Workshops:

Proposal of a Best Practices Workshop, to be held possibly in late Mar. Suggestions of a venue included Kortright Conservation Area and Toronto Botanical Gardens. Jq offered to look into these, but if anyone has other suggestions, please let us know. During our next meeting, we'll organize info on a format and a location. Please submit any suggestions. Ideally, the successful candidate from the cluster fund competition or similar will speak and we'll have handouts, product info, eco fashion, lighting innovations, how to leave the site better than when a project started, etc., could be like a film industry eco trade show. Each dept could break into groups to brainstorm. A film from Planet in Focus would add great visuals. And of course, there'll be food! It would be good to meet with the new exec. and new committee reps. to bring them up to speed on this and other initiatives. It was noted that Joe Hall has stepped down from Transport Committee rep.

We hope to empower with knowledge, in the workplace and in our environment.

Other workshops can be planned, too. Everyone from every dept is encouraged to share their ideas.

4. New Business:

a. Tributes

It was suggested that we establish a memorial area to plant trees to honour members of the film community. Earth Day (April 22) would be a good day to aim for launching this initiative. We welcome any volunteers to look into organizing this initiative. The Studios should also be commended for their efforts to GO GREEN.

b. Newsletter

Jq will submit suggestions for New Year ecoresolutions in the Feb. newsletter. The submission for March is up for grabs! There are a lot of great ideas out there that need to be shared.

Adjourn. Next meeting: Sat. Feb. 16 10am @union office

Thanks as always for your greenefforts

MM & Jq