

MINUTES IATSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE APRIL 19, 2008

Attendees: John Vrakking, Mark Manchester, Phil Scarfo, Heather Rigby, Liz La Rocque, John MacKenzie, Jacqui Hemingway
Welcome to Susan Yuzwak, Alex Nieczykowski

1. Read proposed agenda. Accepted
2. Minutes from Mar. 29, read. Adopted
- 3 Business arising from minutes, and notes:

a. Newsletter:

Due to a communication problem with the office, the incorrect information went out in the April Newsletter about our upcoming Workshop on May 3. The incorrect info stated that there would be a charge to cover the cost of lunch. However, the Local has, in fact, offered to cover the costs of the entire event. The purpose of the Workshop is to exchange and generate ideas about creating films and doing our work in an environmentally responsible way. A workforce that is knowledgeable about green practices will help promote Toronto as a desirable place to shoot films, something that many producers are looking for nowadays. Mark Manchester has worked with the office to make sure the corrections will come out in the reposted Enviro report in the May Newsletter. Alex suggested that we should post our meeting times for each month on the Newsletter calendar.

b. Green Screen Alliance

A press release was issued to announce the consultants who will be working with the Alliance. Felder and Assoc. will compile a Best Practices document and outline for a certification programme, and Envirotrack group will compile a Resource guide for the greater Toronto area. This info will be part of a Producer's package, intended to help promote Toronto's screen based industries. Google Green Screen Toronto, for the press release. The Resource guide is due out this fall, and the Best Practices guideline will be ready by the end of the year. The certification outline will follow soon after.

c. Workshop

Further discussion about the agenda for the workshop. It was decided that presentations would happen before lunch, break-out groups and brainstorming after lunch. It was suggested that, depending on the diversity of the group, time could be spent talking within departments, but also between departments, esp shooting crew and non shooting crew. Liz suggested a sign-in sheet so we could figure out how to form the groups.

Alex suggested a proxy questionnaire be available for those who can't make it.

There are pros and cons to videoing all or part of the workshop, but in the end, it was felt that discussion would flow better if cameras weren't present. It would be good to have one person in each group recording the info, and one person leading each group discussion.

Various people were suggested to run the Workshop: Melissa, Mark, Joe Fraser, Ian Foulds, and will be decided at the next meeting.

This workshop is a great chance for everyone to have their say, good and bad, about how we do our work, about our work environment, and talk about formulating a Producer's Package, that will help attract work to Toronto. It means changing a lot of things from how they are currently done, but we all know, there is room for improvement. Planning from the beginning is the key, and if we can present a package to the producers with green info available at their fingertips, they'll be able to make choices. They should have choices available to them.

John M summarized it well, "it's simply the right thing to do"

Gifts and doorprizes are still in the planning stages and will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. New Business

a. Water Bottles

A new shipment of stainless water bottles has arrived, and will be available at the office, or through Jacqui Hemingway: 416-824-7969. Sizes available: 12 oz child sippy cup; 18 oz sport, loop, flat top; 27 oz sport, loop, flat top; 40 oz sport, loop, flat top; regular sized sling, 40 oz sling

b. 50th Anniversary

The event will be held at the Carlu Sept 27

More info to follow

c. Generators

John M brought up the point that productions are using a lot of generators to provide power, and the studios either don't have sufficient power, or choose not to use all they have in order to keep their overhead down. Studio power is cleaner than generator power, and at some point in the future, this should be addressed

Adjourn

Next meeting: April 24 @7pm at the office, to continue planning the workshop.

Everyone welcome!

Next meeting: May 31, 10 am @ the office

Ps: Susan let us know 2 for 1 tickets are available for the Green Living show. Go to:

http://www.citytv.com/events/toronto/greenlivingshow08/GLS-coupon2for1_city.pdf