

Minutes IA 873 Environment Committee April 21, 2007

In attendance:

Melissa, Mark, Pamela, Heather, John, Myles, Adrianna, Marina, Phil, Brad, and Jacqui

Welcome to our newest member Bernadette Warren from Props Sets Greens

I. Opening and welcome.

2. Move to adopt agenda, agenda accepted

3 .Minutes from April 13 read.and accepted

4. Business arising from the minutes:

a. A lot of discussion continues around the water issue. Mila , Brad , and Jacqui are continuing to work towards filtering solutions for personal water bottles, water stations and alternate plastic bottles (made from corn). We need to make sure we are not exchanging one set of problems for another- such as encouraging corn which could trigger increased use of GMO corn. We also want to make sure we keep 411 (craft service) in the loop.

b. It would be good to have a list of Sunoco stations around the GTA To be able to access 'cleaner fuel'

5. Reports

a.At this meeting we began to put together a list of contacts and relevant websites. Members offered many sites of interest. Those who were unable to attend emailed suggestions. Wow ! Lots of info. Some suggested headings were:

General / Home

Water

Recycling

Nonprofits

Construction Materials

Transportation

Suggested Reading

Disaster Prep

Food issues

Air Quality

Cleaning Products

Toxic waste Disposal

Energy products and Fuels
Health and Safety

Gov. Green Initiatives

We can use these headings to create our "database" which can be accessed at the GREENZONE. We can always update. It was suggested that each dept have a contact list useful specific to that dept. A brief explanation of the site would be helpful. can we come up with a better name than "database" ? Suggestions one was " Green Grapevine" we will also keep a hard copy. this is a work in progress so keep the suggestions coming!

- b. We hope our suggestions are well received by everyone, members of 873 and our employers. as we enter the era of ' greenthinking' we can promote the green way to work through practice and education.
- c Next we will develop a list of "Best Practices" recommended by each dept. We will offer this to members and producers as guidelines. It will demonstrate ways to work sustainably while saving costs. this will assist members to make the green choice. Environment Committee members will work within their depts. and with the assistance of their dept. committees to discover "Best Practices".
- d It was suggested that each production could have an Environment rep. Robert offered to put together suggestions on how to do this.
- e. Adrianna brought a book written by Bill McKibben called " Deep Economy" This book, a best seller, points to the value to the economy long term in developing green business approaches.
- f. It was also suggested that at a first production meeting of a show a list of ' doable ' green practices be introduced.
- g. We discussed working on a logo for our venture (adventure) We feel that the members of the soon to convene (we hope) round table will certainly want to be part of this branding. It will live on for years to come. we could issue an open call for logo ideas.
- h. We now have a CONTACT US button on the GREEN ZONE for

members to let us know what is on their minds.

- i. We will complete contacting each Dept Committee Head before our next meeting. We will ask to be included on their next agenda for a brief presentation and outline of how we hope to proceed with the help of each dept.

As usual time went quickly everyone has so much to offer!
Next meeting scheduled for SATURDAY MAY @ 10 am @ Union
Newcomers are encouraged to join us!

Adjourn

Thanks for all your efforts.! JQ and MM