

MINUTES IA 873 Environment Committee May 5,2007

In attendance: Melissa, Erin, Mila, Marina, Adrianna, Phil, Robert, Pamela, Jacqui
Welcome to our newest member Joanne Filletti from the Paint dept.

1. Opening and welcome
2. Move to adopt today's agenda, agenda accepted
3. Minutes of the April 21 meeting read, minutes accepted

4. Business arising from the minutes:

a. Set dec committee head Ron Hewitt was contacted. There is a set dec committee meeting on May 16 @7pm. Robert, Pam and/or Brad will introduce our committee to theirs.

Paint committee head Randy Ross was contacted, and he has organized a meeting for Thurs. May 17 @7pm at the office for the committee members to hear a report from some of our committee members.

Sound committee head, Glen Gauthier, and makeup committee head, Irene Kent, were also contacted and will report back. Margaret Mohr of wardrobe and Joe Hall of transport have been contacted and will report on when their committees will be meeting.

Hair dept committee head, Paula Fleet, expressed concern about: trailer air quality, waste water from trailers, what new products are available to replace conventional hairspray and other more toxic products, and making sure water stations are sanitary.

Craft Service dept. may call a meeting for the purpose of meeting the Enviro Committee.

b. Wm F. Whites is making efforts to make their machinery more eco friendly. point Other suppliers, including caterers, should be contacted to see if they're also greening their products. The info will be included in our Best Practices guideline. Phil has offered to compile a supplier list.

A similar listing of info from the studios would be useful, too, to include in the Guideline. Mark has been in close touch with TFS so far. Melissa has been in touch with Cinespace.

5. Reports

a. Lots more info this week for our Resources List. Mila, Mark and Pam have offered to organize the info that comes in.

Jq and Joanne will work on compiling the best practices guideline with help from others

b. Mila gave a report on Nimbus, Imperial and +1 water bottles. She's continuing to gather info and will report next meeting

She's also looked into Loblaw's eco products. They are starting to promote a line of green products. She also had info on Eco Cleaners, and Pilot pens, both going green. The info will be included in the Resource List and Best Practices List.

c. Phil talked about H3O water sanitizing systems, which could be useful both in the studios and out on location. The machine, from Can. Tire, changes the composition of the water to be purified for drinking. Water for locations is an important issue and needs more research.

d. Jq brought in samples and info from Greenshift, a local company that has biodegradable and recyclable products. They sell everything from garbage bags to office paper, cleaning products, cutlery and cups. The IA office is interested in using their products to improve the recycling in the office. More info to come re Greenshift.

e. Robert outlined the criteria of a production environmental rep. Hopefully, each production will have a volunteer to take on this worthy role. A discussion of this will be on the next agenda. A report will be sent to the office for their input on this.

f. Robert also reported on the document from NZ regarding the greening of their film biz. It can be found at: www.greeningthescreen.co.nz. This will be a great guideline for us to refer to.

The suggestion also came up about the EMA Green Seal Awards, which give recognition to productions that practice green methods. We should offer something similar.

g. Pamela reported on the Drapeau APU for truck interiors which would provide drivers with a generator that doesn't need an engine running to power it, therefore, no idling. These could be an amazing addition to the transport dept and others. Pam will find out more info about them for our lists.

h. Adrianna offered to look into info on hair products.

i. Phil offered to look into recycling paper products.

6. New Business

1. There was no response so far to the "contact us" button at the green zone. Melissa offered to put out a request through the GreenZone to the general membership for suggestions for the best practices and resource databases. Everyone is encouraged to submit suggestions for discussion via the "contact us" button. Information will also go into the June newsletter to make sure as many members as possible know about our call for suggestions.

2. The subject of seminars was brought up. Everyone thought it was an excellent idea, including those in the office. It is too soon to start having seminars, but Erin has offered to look into researching the subject, and would appreciate help compiling a list.

3. Discussion continues around answers to high fuel consumption in our business. Carpooling, biodiesel, energy tags to offset energy used, hybrid rental cars, and hydrive are suggested alternatives to some of the issues. It would be great to have some people tackle this specific area and report back to the group.

Pam brought in a map of Sunoco gas station locations, but it would be good to know the full story behind Sunoco vs the others and the implications of using one and not the others.

7. Next meeting is scheduled for Thurs. May 17 @ 6:30pm at the office.

The agenda will include: further discussion of the greensource list, the best practices list, and the environmental rep.

Adjourn

Thanks to all for your input and greenergy! MM & JQ