

MINUTES IA 873 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MAY 31 2007

In attendance: Melissa M., Sidney S., Phil S., Brad J., Marina R., Mila R., Adrianna van D., Erin L., Jacqui H.

1. Opening and welcome

2. Move to adopt today's agenda, accepted

3. Minutes of May 17 meeting read, accepted

4. Business arising from minutes and reports:

a. Short discussion about NonProfits: This would be part of our water bottle initiative; a small amount of money from the sale of a personal stainless water bottle would be donated to a group/groups that need help with water resources. All agree it would be good to help those in need right here in Canada.

b. Upcoming paint dept meeting: slated for Wed. June 13 at 629 Eastern Ave, Toronto Film Studios, stage 3. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm sharp, doors open at 6:00 pm. This will be our first meeting to introduce specific environmental ideas and products, as well as an overview of initiatives being considered by the new Toronto Film Studios locating in the Portlands area. Speakers will include IA President Bob Hall, Ken Ferguson of Toronto Film Studios, Cameron and Rob Brooke from the Incredible Hulk Paint Dept, Ont Paint will bring a rep from Boomerang Recycled Paint and Pro Glo Paints will bring a tech rep from Benjamin Moore to talk about low VOC paints, etc. The Environment committee will talk about some of the initiatives we're working on, such as water bottles, water filtration, and recycling. There will be a Q & A session at the end. It will be an informative couple of hours! Although it is a paint meeting, incl. interested Craft Serv members, other dept reps have been invited to attend, to set a prototype for meetings for their respective depts. Of course, any members who would like to attend are welcome. We're hoping lots of people will be inspired! Pro Glo and Ont. Paint are also providing door prizes. We will have a quantity of 27 oz water bottles for sale at the meeting, at a very good price! Come and be GREENERGIZED! Thanks to Erin for setting the wheels in motion.

c. Marina reported on the Greenzone: There were some questions for the Greenzone this month, including Shelly Mansell of transport wanting to become a green committee member. She hastened up with Sandra Flaglerin greening the show they are on. It was suggested that phone numbers be included along with email addresses on the green committee members list, if possible.

d. Phil reported on hybrid car rental in Toronto: At the moment, no company has any hybrids for rental. Hopefully, demand will bring about change in this area.

Phil checked with Wm F Whites, and they will use biodiesel in their generators if asked to.

Everdale is offering info and courses on making your own biodiesel. You can contact them at: www.info@everdalfarm.com

e. Melissa reported on hybrid cars: she is working on a proposal to offer members a reduced rate on Hybrid cars, based on buying as a group. We hope for a response soon.

f. Report on water: There has been a lot of difficulty getting in touch with Lifewithoutplastics about quantities of the stainless waterbottles. The Klean Kanteen manufacturers in Calif. have agreed to sell to us directly, and would welcome our involvement with a nonprofit organization that would benefit from sales. We will be selling the bottles and 2 styles of caps, plus nylon carriers at the paint meeting and the general meeting on June 17.

+1 Water Bottles are interested in doing a pilot project with Turtle Island Recycling. The public can also buy the cornplastic water bottles at Noah's Health Foods and Toronto Food Co-op (see Brad).

Mila is still working on researching the best way to establish water stations. It would be great if Filmport already had this worked into their new studio design.

Nimbus Water Systems agreed to bring trucks to pump out used water from trailers doing hair and makeup.

g. Mila is in the process of formatting info for the resources list.

Adrianna has offered her services to work on the best practices list with Bernadette, Joanne and Jq, which is in process, also.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Doors Open Toronto, which led to the subject of the round table gathering of the film community. We need an update on where this is. Melissa will touch base Bob Hall and let us know.

b. The suggestion was made to organize workshops to research and discuss various topics, and submit reports to the group. An extension of this would be to highlight a topic every month in the newsletter, to help raise general awareness of environmental problems and solutions.

c. The City of Toronto, through various sponsors, gives out Environmental awards, The Green Toronto Awards. It would be great for IATSE873 and perhaps the film community in general, to submit an entry for one of the categories for 2007-08 awards. There are many categories, such as The Environmental Awareness Award, or The Leadership Award. We will develop this through the office. It would be a prestigious way to get our message out! Jq has some info on this.

d. Sidney will be introducing the Environment Committee to the Wardrobe Dept at their meeting on Sat. June 2. She will encourage other wardrobe people to get involved, and get their ideas and suggestions for us to discuss. Denise Cronenburg is doing wardrobe for The Hulk, and it would be good to see if they're already following some green initiatives. We'll look forward to her report from the meeting!

Adjourn

Next meeting will be @ the office on Sat. June 9 at 9:30 am. Hope to see as many committee members as possible, and any newcomers are welcome as always.

Thanks once again for thinking greentofilm! JQ and MM