

## MINUTES IA 873 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 9 2007

In Attendance: Sydney S., Brad J., Pam E., Joe F., Robert S., Myles R., Mila R., Phil S., Adrianna van D., Gary R., Jacqui H.

1. Opening and welcome

2. Minutes of May 31 read, accepted

3. A correction to the May 31 minutes: Sydney Sproule will be introducing the Environment Committee to the Wardrobe Committee ( not Wardrobe Dept) during their June 2 meeting.

4. Business arising from minutes and reports:

a. Water bottles: Now that production is getting back on track, it is extremely important to have an alternative to plastic water bottles to offer, both to cut down on the amount of recycling and garbage, but also because studies have shown chemicals from the plastic leach into the supposedly pure spring water, and get into your system. The committee is hoping the Office will cover the initial cost of a quantity of stainless water bottles to sell at the upcoming paint dept meeting on June 13 and the upcoming general meeting on June 17. There will also be slings available to carry the bottles. So far the bottles and slings were ordered and paid for by Melissa and Jacqui. They will be sold at a wholesale price from Klean Kanteen, the manufacturer. \$1 dollar will be donated to a Canadian non profit water organization. Which one, will be decided after discussion and suggestions. So far, The Nature Conservancy of Canada and North American Wetlands Conservation Council of Canada have been suggested. In the meantime, donations will be held in an account for this money.

These water bottles can be filled at water stations in the studios. Hopefully, productions will provide filtered water reservoirs rather than just water from large plastic jugs.

b. Resource list: Mila presented the resource list to date. She has done a lot of work to format it. It can be emailed to anyone via a request to the Greenzone. However, new submissions are welcome, and we are hoping to have sub lists pertaining to each department.

c. Upcoming paint department meeting: Erin has organized an info night for all painters, and dept reps to hear about green innovations in our industry. Anyone else is of course, welcome. Speakers will include IA President Bob Hall, Pro Glo Paints will bring a rep from Benj Moore, Ont Paint will bring a rep from Boomerang Recycled Paints, Ken Ferguson of TFS will speak about innovations that will be incorporated into their new studios. There wil also be discussion about water, recycling, the resources and best practices lists, and a general Q & A. Refreshments will be supplied by Ont Paint, and the office is supplying door prizes. Phil will keep notes and file a report on the info, at the Greenzone.

d. Wardrobe Committee report: Sydney introduced the Enviro Committee to the Wardrobe Committee. People were interested in hearing about the ideas, but seemed reluctant to endorse some products and companies without a proper process. A departmental meeting similar to the paint meeting would be a good idea, to exchange info and ideas with the whole department and get more people involved with the greening of film. Sydney will put some info in the wardrobe newsletter.

5. New Business

a. Eco Rep: Robert submitted an outline for a designated show eco rep. Every show would have a volunteer eco rep, similar to the health and safety rep, to co-ordinate with people on the floor, the production manager and studio owners. The eco rep would be knowledgeable in green practices, and encourage and educate toward a greener workplace.

b. Letter of Intent: The Committee will put together a short letter of introduction for prospective productions to outline our initiatives, so they know we are organized to go green in Toronto. So far, IA873 is the only film organization that has taken steps toward going green. We are still hoping to have a "round table" discussion with the larger film community.

c. Tool Kit: The Committee will put together a package of information for each production, to be given out by the Office, to new producers, as a guideline of green initiatives and resources while they are here in Toronto. This will include info on the eco rep, water initiatives, recycling , suppliers and resource lists, best practices lists, and other relevant green info.

## 6. Adjourn

Next meeting as yet to be decided.

Thanks to all for your greenergy MM & JQ