

Regina Public Interest Research Group
Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010, 5:00 pm
John Archer Library

Present: Charlotte, Alix, Ali, Kaylene, Ashley, Mike, Dagan (late)

1. Introductions/Check-In:

2. Approve Agenda and decide board roles for this meeting

Facilitator: Ali

Minute-taker: Kaylene

Vibe watcher: Charlotte

3. Approve Minutes from Jan. 25/09

4. Restructuring Committees

-There is significant overlap with between the application assessment committee and the working group committee. Therefore, the two groups could merge into one group and take over the roles of both groups.

-If a volunteer were assigned to working on the library, then Kaylene could work on something else, or just focus on other groups/portfolios.

- Newsletter committee: this month's theme is food.

5. Events:

5.1 pancake breakfast: was a success! We served 450 plates, and handed out 150 flyers. Not all students were open to dialogue, at least not at first. Having a large amount of space to set up our materials made the students feel more comfortable and easier to approach. Board support was fantastic, and we now have a list of people (about 30) who want to receive the newsletter, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page of people who are interested in volunteering. The board feels really good about the success of the event.

5.2. Summary on Richard Littlemore: The event was very well attended, 30 people had to be turned away. The owner of Salam sold 75 plates of food, and RPIRG's was reimbursed \$100. Seating was a bit of a problem; the venue was too small for the event and a number of people came early to have supper beforehand. Also, there was not enough room to set up tables with RPIRG materials. This event did not do much to advertise RPIRG; we were not mentioned before, during or after the presentation (this was an error, the person who introduced Richard Littlemore forgot to mention the sponsors.)

In the future the events and marketing committee should try to meet with the events coordinator beforehand to make sure we have the opportunity to advertise ourselves, introduce the speaker, etc.

5.3 Additional potential event Paul MacKay: Clean Green would like us to partner with them to support anti-nuclear workshops on campus. Might be too late to partner for this event. Not sure about how much staffing hours we could contribute.

This is an event that we would like to support financially, we would like to form a partnership. We will ask Clean Green for a budget, and will discuss further details on basecamp.

5.4 Volunteer Info Session: February 18th, URSU board room. This meeting will be to try to match potential volunteers with RPIRG volunteer opportunities. We will be providing free pizza. Please try to attend if you can!

5.5 Activist Training “solidarity works”: Rather than a major guest speaker, would like to set up one week convention for young activists in August, with of intensive training and a 2 week long internships with organizations inside Saskatchewan before the fall semester starts. Accepting 25 individuals, partnered with SCIC. A really great opportunity for RPIRG, we have budgeted about \$30,000 for it. Need to decide on this soon. This is a major event, SCIC has contributed staff, might require a one-day retreat to make major decisions. Staff are going to look into this further and gather more information to present to the board so that we can make decision.

5.6 RPIRG Party! Friday March 19 will be RPIRG’s 3rd anniversary. Would like to go to Bushwackers, have pizza and drinks, and celebrate all things RPIRG.

5.7 Denis Pelon: partnership with the U of R department of political science. Presentation on electoral reform. 2 day event on campus. Might not require RPIRG staff hours. We would also like to support this event.

6. Winter Funding Round 1: we recommend approval of \$5830 in funding for this funding round. We have 13,390.71 available.

The applications assessment committee could not reach a consensus on International Night. We know that this will be a fantastic event; however, their application was very poorly done. The event made \$1000 profit last year, and we sponsored them for \$1000 last year. That money will be carried forward to this year’s event, and they have approached us again this year.

Decision: accept the recommendations of the application assessment committee. We decline their application for this funding round on the grounds that the application was very poorly completed, and we require a budget for all applications. We invite them to reapply for the next funding round, March 1.

BIRT we approve all of the above recommendations for funding.

7. Meetings/other:

- Only 3 people/groups have confirmed attendance for the meeting re: big name speaker/event partnership meeting on Feb 10 at noon. Doesn’t appear to be much interest in this meeting. It was decided that the meeting should be cancelled.

8. RPIRG Purchases:

Can RPIRG have it’s own camera? Yes!

BIRT that RPIRG may purchase a camera up to \$350.00 in value.

Next meeting 2 weeks from today! Monday February 22.