

Regina Public Interest Research Group
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2007

Call to order: 5:30

Nathan Seckinger, the director of GBLUR, spoke to the board briefly to maintain communication between the two organizations, and to express interest in working together this year on issues of common interest.

Gabe Potter, board member of RPIRG, took some time to inform members present of the progress that RPIRG has made on specific issues, and to highlight issues and tasks that are to be accomplished in the near future.

- bank account is established, with gabe P and Dagan H as signing authorities.
- URSU has prepared a space for RPIRG (WHO WOO! Thank you so much URSU!)
 - need to find office furniture ASAP. Billy has access to some office furniture that he will look into.
 - Staff hiring will happen following interviews. Job posting closes on Sat, Sept 7th, 2007. Interviews will be performed by the board, with the assistance of Jim Elliot. (Thanks Jim for posting the job on websites!)
 - Opt-out starts on Sept 21st, and we need to start promoting it by the weekend of Sept 14th.
 - Website still needs to be established. Domain name will be secured once RPIRG receives money.
 - General promotions of RPIRG will have to be done ASAP... it should be clear students are paying for this organization: outline fees, how they work, and how students are paying (will work well in opt-out promotions as well). Also, begin promoting the access that all students have to the funding.
 - Arts Students Association (ASA) is trying to find other groups to help line up social activities on campus. RPIRG will let members know that ASA may need volunteers.

Mike Shiplack: Outlining the FREE KNOWLEDGE DAY, which will be on Sept 20th, in the multi-purpose room. This will be an opportunity for various campus and community groups to network, and promote their services.

- there will also be a series of 20 min workshops.
- Panel discussion to be held on issues of importance. Issues narrowed and Mike needs recommendations for panel guest on the issue of Industry & Resources in Sask.
- RPIRG has tables reserved for Thurs the 6^t and Fri the 7th, during the festivities on for the first week of classes. List passed around for volunteers for tabling.

- Meeting for Free Knowledge Day will be held after this meeting.

Need to establish record of the Board requesting an advance on fees from the Students' Union, in order to operate until fee disbursement on Oct 16th:

MOTION:

BIRT RPIRG requests a \$10,000 advance on dedicated fee from URSU, deposited into the RPIRG bank account as soon as possible.

MOTION PASSED.

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept 10th. @ 4:30 In the Back of Ridell Center, in the windowed area of common seating.