

St. Croix Recycling Association
Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2008
6:00-6:50 PM – Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School

Steering Committee in Attendance:

1. Lee Elvins, Facilitator
2. Dee Osinski
3. Susan J. Greenhalgh

Steering Committee not in attendance

1. Carey Guilbeau

Number of Attendees: 17

Welcome – Lee Elvins

Lee welcomed the group and began the meeting by reading the Recycling Association mission statement.

Green Supplement

Dee reported on the upcoming Green Supplement to be run in the Avis. She said that there were already commitments from E-Z Recycling, Refill Plus, Waste Management and the Coast Guard to run ads. Irene Homa at Avis is contacting likely advertisers other than the Recycling association businesses. Dee offered to pick up the payments due the Avis. We will have editorial space depending on the ad space sold and Dee recruited volunteers to help with working on that aspect.

Introductions

There were many new faces at the meeting and Lee asked everyone to state their name and how they came to attend.

Condo Can update

Lee reported on the progress that has been made. A listing of Condominium complexes has been compiled by Pam Pearson, and a letter will be going out soon to them. The letter will advise that the E-Z recycling will pay .25 per lb for aluminum cans if brought to his site, or will pick them up free at the condo sites.

EDC letter

A letter has been finalized that we will use to solicit membership from EDC companies. Dee noted that it was a collaborative effort to compose this letter and it can be used to formulate other letters.

Budget

Lee said that V.I. RC&D is actually managing our funds. We received our first funds in September of 2007 and have spent \$500 on stickers and a banner. The next banner is to be much bigger and it is hoped to have Hovensa contribute to that. He said that it was so important for people to join and pay the membership fees. He encouraged everyone attending tonight's meeting to join today. Funds are necessary to achieve our goals.

Ag Fair Booth

Lee reported that 45 membership applications were handed out during the fair. He estimated that thousands of people passed by the booth.

Peter's Rest bin site

Lee informed the group that he learned that the Peter's Rest bin site would be refurbished to include handling of recyclables. The timetable for this project is not known at this time. The group agreed that the association should be involved in the design.

Mid Island and April Meeting

Dee has been in contact with the Curriculum Center in mid-island. They have agreed to allow us to meet there. However, they have experiencing an air conditioning problem which will need to be fixed first. This will hopefully become the new meeting place as it will be convenient for both the West and East enders. In addition, she reported that Mr. Richard Kahn will be discussing tire recycling at our April meeting.

VI Waste Management update

Dee reported that Charmin Springer from WMA will be starting a recycling association on St. Thomas as had been originally planned. Julie Wright of V.I. R C & D will be performing the facilitator duties here on St. Croix. With Charmin's departure we are down 3 steering committee members and volunteers were requested. Marlene Harris and Michelle Guiney stepped up to join the steering committee. Go team!

The WMA is running business as usual. Dee outlined some of the projects she's been working on as the environmental educator. The Country Day School is learning to separate recyclables. An Eco-Fair is scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd, with a "Litter stomp" planned.

Lee thanked Jeff Lawlor who has donated a newly refurbished Dell computer to the association.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Greenhalgh
Secretary