



**St. Croix Recycling Association
Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2008
6:00-7:30 PM – Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School**

Steering Committee in Attendance:

- 1. Lee Elvins, Facilitator**
- 2. Dee Osinski**
- 3. Lynda Garvin**
- 4. Susan J. Greenhalgh**

Absent from the steering committee Hillair Bell, Charmin Springer

Number of Attendees: 13

Welcome and Introductions – Lee Elvins

Lee welcomed the group and began the meeting by reading the St. Croix Recycling Association's mission and vision statements. He noted that it was great to see new faces attending. Dee began the introductions of the steering committee members. She mentioned that this was Lynda's last meeting as she was leaving to perform work with the Peace Corps. Dee thanked her for doing a great job as Secretary and keeping us all informed. Dee reported that Hillair Bell was stepping down as a member of the Steering Committee to devote more time to aluminum can recycling efforts.

Susan Greenhalgh was welcomed as the new Secretary and she said that she hoped to do a good job for the Association.

FreeCycle! On online swap shop!

Dee introduced Marlene Harris, a June transplant from Michigan who has volunteered to moderate St. Croix Freecycle. Marlene has experience with the group; she helped her brother get enough 2 X 4's to build another room onto his house through the program! This effort will undoubtedly create networks and relationships to reuse, reduce and recycle! We look forward to starting this program as soon as possible.

Green Supplement

Dee introduced Irene Homa, a sales representative for the Avis. She spoke about the possibility of featuring a Green supplement in the newspaper. The deal is the Avis will donate editorial space to the association, and the association will help secure ads to be featured. There was much interest and the owners present said they would participate. This is a great way to get the word out about our work and educate the public on how to recycle here on St. Croix. Dates for the supplement will be determined.

Committee Formations

Lee reported that Carey wrote a grant for the mulching project she's working on at The Reef Condominium. The status of the grant wasn't currently available. Jeff needs volunteers to go schools where he has deployed refurbished computers to help troubleshoot. Hillair is seeking volunteers to help with the aluminum can recycling.

Membership Brochure

The group reviewed and suggested revisions to the proposed membership brochure. There were many great suggestions and these will be incorporated and brought back to the steering committee. Many heads are so much better than a few!

V.I. Waste Management Authority Letter

Lee read from a letter he received from May Adams Cornwall, Executive Director of the V.I. Waste Management Authority. They are asking the Association for a volunteer to attend meetings with the goal of helping them formulate a method to pay for solid waste. Lee will attend the first meeting and come back to our group for assistance.

STXRA Constitution

As time was running short, Dee asked the group to review the draft constitution that had been distributed. She requested email comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5th, 2008 at the Pearl B. Larsen.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Greenhalgh
Secretary