

Society for conservation biology, Kingston chapter meeting minutes

Nov 9th, 2010

Social committee

- Thursday is Trivia night. We are going to meet at the Grad Club at 8pm on the 1st floor. If there are many of us, we will make 2 teams. If there is only a few of us, we will make one team and participate in the weekly Grad Trivia games.
- The Green Ball maybe should have a music guest rather than a guest speaker. We should ask around about which bands we would like to play at the Ball.
 - We should iron out the details before the end of the semester.
 - We should keep it as a semi-formal event in January. There are other semi-formal events happening in February and later on, so this would be a good time.

Education committee

- Want to finish their Let's Talk Science kit by Christmas.
- They are still working on discussing with the education professor that Vicky recommended.

Photo contest:

- They have the atrium booked for the 7th-11th for free, under Vicky Frieson's class.
- They are selling Christmas cards each day from 12:30-2:30pm in the Atrium
- If you are the first shift, pick up the cards at **BioSciences rm. 4441 from Sarah**,
- If you are last, drop them off with Sarah.
- Haven't sold too many, but they are selling consistently. They are also selling last year's photos for \$5 each.
- A message was sent out to let the biology profs and grads know about the Christmas cards.
- There is an interested group who could sell our Christmas cards for us. We would need to make a presentation to explain who we are. It is the Earth Centre, they would want us to advertise them as well (mention that they are being sold at the Earth centre as well).
- For the keynote speaker, we would need to go meet the potential speaker to explain our society. They will make a plan about what they are going to say before they go.

Sustainability committee

- They can make some more seed packets this week if needed for the Christmas card packets.
- The clothing exchange is on Nov 23rd. They will have the box from the 15th-19th to drop off your clothes. There is also a Facebook page that you can join. There are also posters up.
 - If you offered to volunteer, you will have received an email to see if you are still interested.

Programs committee

- The teacher, which spoke to Amanda last week, has emailed back. She gave a time spot of Monday at 2:30pm. This would be in two weeks from today.
 - We would probably want 4-5 volunteers to help out.
 - Kingston School – Private school, should have few students.
- Young Naturalists. Will be doing an event Nov 25th at 7pm. It will be indoor activities since it will be too dark to paint water drains.

Issues Committee:

- We discussed our opinions relating to last night's "The Great Climate Change debate".
- Alan Wiseman is presenting at Duncan McCarthur hall, if anyone is interested.

Webmaster:

- If there is anything that you wanted updated on the website, let Erin know.
- We would like to have a bio up on the SCB website for anyone who is interested. Submit your photo and 1-2 sentences about how you became interested in SCB.
 - Email your bio to the SCB website.
 - May be adding questions for each member to answer in their bio.
- An email will be sent out about the Facebook group. They will email out the link, as it is difficult to find.
- If anyone has photos from the Halloween party, please email them to the SCB website so they can be added to our Facebook page.

Other SCB news:

- Reminder: The vice-presidents are whom you should be contacting with Committee-related questions.
 - Next week we are hosting operation Wallacea. There is no meeting next week.
 - Operation wallacea allows you to perform biodiversity projects across the world. The meeting is next week Tuesday at 2:30pm.
 - They are programs that you have to pay for yourself, however Wallacea will help you fundraise for it.
 - SCB was contacted by the parent society about policy. They sent out a survey to each chapter, to find out about the policy in our area.
 - Refer to Policy Survey for questions addressed in our meeting.
- Some of the responses discussed during our meeting:
- Informing the parent's society of issues in our area is how we can make a difference to our local politics.
 - Actions, which we could improve upon, are: engaging with our local policy. For example, enforcing cleaning up the garbage in Lake Ontario Park. We do not have the interest in local policy in order to have a significant effect on local policy.
 - We could have more of an impact at a local scale with more support from the parent society.

- We are good at integrating our community (Fish & Frogs)
- We should increase our interest from the Queen's community. There are other departmental avenues which could be explored other than biology students. We could increase our visibility outside of the BioSciences complex.
- We should also have more of an effect on university policy; which plants are planted on campus etc.
 - How should we try and reach out to students in other departments?
 - Mention in our advertisements that we are joint with another department (Environmental policy & scb present...)
 - Potentially have a conference that is multi-departmental to increase the interests of other students.