

Society of Conservation Biology
Kingston Chapter
October 19, 2010

START TIME 2:33pm

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Halloween Party

- Posters have been set up around campus
- Posters on campus have a white back
- SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THIS EVENT
- Extra posters are available to put around Kingston
- Parent society gave us promo-material
 - Question whether we are able to put it up in The Duke
 - Bring supplies (tape etc.) to put the material up
- If we have a table at the event, we could just attach the promo-material to the table
- Cheapest is \$70 for printing and putting on a foam mount for a 3 ft by 4 ft poster
 - 24 by 36 inch – cost to laminate, mount on foam, and print
 - Seemed around a couple hours for printing, and a day or two for mounting
- Poster – changed slightly from last years
 - Put a description of the SCB on the poster – from our website and parent society
 - Little thing on how to grow your own wildflower seeds
 - How to find us on facebook
 - Send it out to Executive and Chairs to get it passed
- **VOTE: Maximum amount to spend on this promo poster...**
 - Current SCB balance is \$**** (excluding new membership fees)
 - Approximately \$*** out of this because of a summer student
 - Less than \$100 seems appropriate for the “rolly-poster-thing”
 - Rhiannon C motioned this amount
 - Clayton seconded this motion
 - **15 are in favour**
 - 0 are against
 - **MOTION IS PASSED**
- Poster should be emailed out to everyone to get feedback
- Try not to be TOO fashionably late for this party (be there between 10-11pm)
 - Want to be there earlier to answer questions and promote SCB
- Seeds, Christmas cards, and SCB South Africa t-shirts available for raffle
 - Try to get more things from The Duke (talk to them ASAP)
 - Ask a business for other raffle products (worth the time?)
 - Start organizing raffle prizes NOW

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

- Seed collection this upcoming Friday, October 22nd at 10:30am
- Incorporates Scott Taylor as the “local wildflower expert”
- May need to buy new labels for the seeds
- Clothing swap
 - Almost gone through as a separate AMS Club
 - Becoming an AMS Club in order to book out the lower JDUC
 - Should be passed by Friday, October 22nd
- Dr. Chris Eckert
 - He is ready whenever to give us his books, as long as we give him a heads up
- Dr. Paul Grogan, Dr. Brian Cummings, and Dr. Linda Campbell would likely be supportive

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

- Environmental Conference is on October 21st (THIS THURSDAY) at SLC
 - Kingston Transit goes out there
- Kingstown School emailed us about Fish and Frogs
 - Waiting to set up the details with the teacher
 - Around 20-30 students in Grade 8
 - Do within the next couple weeks

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Lets Talk Science
 - Decided to choose the Food Web Kit (~ 1 hour)
 - First food web will contain native plant species
 - Second – food web with anthropogenic influence
 - Brings the topic of Conservation Biology into play
 - Very visual, “whole-room” task
 - Grade 4 or 5 oriented
 - Every student gets a packet of seeds at the end

ISSUES COMMITTEE

- Emailed draft of letter about the oil sands to Co-Presidents
- Now need to format the letter so that it will be “acceptable”
- SCB Global is sending out a letter now about the oil sands
 - Took many months to get passed
- DFO released that they want to enstate a threshold flow rate for the Lower Athabasca River
 - Unsure whether this will be passed
- Conference for Biological Diversity in Japan this week

- Putting out final touches on biodiversity from 2011-2020

PHOTO CONTEST

- Location for contest
 - Past years it has been in the Tea Room (crammed, dark)
 - BIOSCI Atrium is \$500 for the week
 - Fee can be passed if it is tied into a course (talk to profs)
 - **BOOK THE VENUE SOON**
 - Photo contest should maybe be only a week long
 - Possibly done in the first few weeks of March
 - Reception for Award Ceremony
 - Get an inspirational speaker to come
 - Neil Osborne (Conservation Photographer) came last year
 - **Christina Mittermyer** (based out of New York) would be a good person to try for
 - Biology and Environmental Science departments could support the speaker's travel costs
 - Get both involved – larger audience
 - Speaking fee (for students) may be negligible
 - Talk to Dr. Peter Hodson, Dr. Brian Cumming about potential speakers

SCB WEBSITE

- Currently being updated, password is set up

END TIME 3:18pm