

Society for Conservation Biology,  
Kingston Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Start Time- 2:30

**Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Social committee**

- Operation Wallacia, made \$125 from the donations of the first meeting
  - Follow up meeting today at 3, pick up extra information
- Wednesday night- End of the Line documentary showing at 7:30, EEB lounge (4<sup>th</sup> floor)
- Host a Community Night-make the community more aware of what we do- 'CONSERVATION CONVERSATION' ... at a pub outside of campus, maybe associate it with a speaker or seminar
  - fundraiser for a speaker, from Newfoundland-ties into our pipeline awareness project

**Advertising committee**

- Turtle petition starts tomorrow
  - There is also an online petition, will try to have a laptop at our booth so people can contribute to it via online
  - made draft letters to send out to municipal offices
  - announce to classes to gain exposure and more petition signatures

**Education & Programs committee**

- First Fish and Frogs- SUCCESSFUL!!!! Painted 7-8 storm drains and put door hangers on doors
- New idea to start painting the drains around campus and the student residential areas

**Sustainability committee**

- Dale ( works at the greenhouse, has allotted the SCB a section to grow our plants)- everything is there to plant the seeds and hopefully they will germinate for next year's spring
- Chop down the plants remaining in the garden in front of biosci for the winter season

**Issues committee**

- Feature Creature-Bur Oak, identifiable by its shiny green leaves, largest acorns of all the native oaks...etc
  - Catawaqui Region Conservation Authority-climate change research project, they want to plant this hardwood species along with others that originated in the south to see if it can adapt up north since the climate is changing due to global warming
    - are we willing to offer our help? Spring of 2012
- Update on pipelines- U.S. has delayed the operation for the pipeline from Alberta to Texas until the next election in 2013, may not be built because investors will lose interest due to the delay
- Write letter to get it approved by the parent society for the east/west pipeline concerns of our chapter... president Paul Baier has already expressed concern about the pipelines so we will most likely have our letter approved... mention more about biodiversity and climate change in letter
- The Trouble of Oil PowerPoint-
  - We spray dispersants, chemical compounds break down the surface tension of the oil and it sinks to the bottom of the ocean floor, but the dispersants mixed in with the crude oil is still slightly toxic and fish are effected/wildlife
  - prevents oil from reaching the coast line but is still harmful
  - people being exposed to the dispersants have reported side effects such as nausea, etc... can affect the red blood cells of humans
  - Dispersants are less toxic than the oil but it is still toxic and this is the best method of oil removal we have, poses a problem

### **Photo contest committee**

- Christmas Card Vote- only vote if you haven't voted on facebook and then we'll add the two totals together
  - RESULTS: Pic one- 5, pic two- 7, pic three- 1, pic four- 3, pic five- 7, pic six- 0, pic seven-10, pic eight- 5, pic nine- 2, pic ten- 0, pic eleven- 0, pic twelve- five
  - WINNER- second photo on facebook, chickadee picture

End of meeting.  
End time- 3:22