

AFFEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - OCTOBER 14, 1993

Meeting was held at Kate Love's home at 7:30pm

A. BUSINESS SESSION;

1. Approved Agenda: Board Members present; Keith Keegstra, Carol Omohundro, Dave Hall, Julie Johnson, Kate Love and Tanya Mellen. Pat Willick was absent.

2. Approved minutes: Meeting of last board meeting which was held Sept 2, 1993. *Used Kate's notes as Tanya was absent Sept 2*

3. Persons seeking info. or presenting matters to be considered. None.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence: Rec'd info. about possible grants from Phillips Petroleum Environmental Partnership Grant Application. Our discussion brought up the possibility of seeking this grant money for the hazardous waste building that we hope to build in Mason County at the landfill. The total cost of the building will be about \$5000. Kate will look into this matter to see if we can apply for a grant.

Oct. 23 there will be an ECOMART where environmentally friendly products will be on display and sold. Time is 10:00 am at the Cherryland Mall in Traverse City.

2. Treasurer's Report: Had \$671.73 as of Jan. 3, 1993 our balance now is \$538.14 now. We probably will bring up this amount after membership dues reminders go out in the next newsletter. Tanya usually sends these out during the summer with newsletters but was very busy this summer and was not able, so a lot of members are 3-4 months overdue for membership fees.

a. Most of the expenditures during the last year were in three areas: hazardous waste cleanup project, Christmas tree recycling expenses and membership newsletter costs. Expenditures were \$426.44

b. Income was \$264.75 and was exclusively dues.

Dave Hall is computerizing our expenses, treasury info etc. into a big time environmental organization spread sheet so we can see at a glance what has been going on financially.

Board authorized payment of costs for last newsletter's printing and paper. This amount was \$12.30 cents.

3. Committee reports: Board decided that there was very little activity in three of the committees which are Earth Day C., Program C., Publicity/Newsletter C. Most of our efforts and activities have been in the Community Service C. so from now on we'll merge all other committees into this one.

Community Service Committee:

a. Beach Sweep- Discussion that rather than only our membership participating, of which fewer and fewer are showing up, that we should instead try to use our organization as the means to get other

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existing groups to get their larger membership involved.

Will bring up this problem at annual meeting, and ask for suggestions. Board ended up with two approaches--

1. phone our members and threaten them if they don't come.
2. Carol O's idea of contacting local groups to help with this: such as church groups, Girl Scouts and Community Service groups such as the Ludington Area Jaycees and the Scottville Optimists.

To do this second approach, we however, would have to provide enough time in advance of activities so that these other organizations could notify their membership.

Carol volunteered to look into the feasibility of this and do the contacting if we could provide enough lead time.

There will be another Beach Clean-up Saturday Oct. 23 as part of Make a Difference Day. Our project volunteers will meet at the North Beach House at 10:00. Kate will organize this as Keith who usually does it has to work that day.

Christmas Tree Recycling: MSU extension office will not be able to coordinate the project this year due to budget cuts and more responsibilities. There will a meeting in Oct at Tim Hansen's DPW office to see if we have the ability to continue this program.

4. Voted to have the board meet at 7:00 before the meeting, to set up an agenda, so we won't appear to be too disorganized for the Nov. 9 annual meeting.

agenda tentatively includes 1. getting more volunteers for Beach Sweep and Adopt-A-Highway 2. 3 positions are up for elections

make sure all members see us at our best. organizational cutting edge best.
3. Kenaf
4. Call tree growers

5. Board decided to use the phone chain to remind the membership of the Nov. 9 annual meeting, and the Oct. 23 beach sweep.

Each attending member took five names and phone numbers to call.

- (my list- Ray Czup 845-0228
Carley Garda 843-8533
Shirley Laude 845-5383
Pat Willick 843-8273
Judy Riggs 843-9213

6. Tanya brought up the possibility of having our next few newsletters printed on a new type of paper as written up in the "Earth Island Journal" an international Environmental news journal. The paper is called "Kenaf" and it produces about 10 tons per acre of fiber each growing season. Yellow pine that goes into most paper also produces 10 tons per acre. The environmental benefit is that it takes yellow pine 20 years to reach harvest age where kenaf is an annual crop. In other words, kenaf is 20 times more productive on the same amount of acreage. Tanya will look into ordering a ream of kenaf for our newsletters so our membership can look at the product first hand. The cost is in bulk \$12.50, will be more for just one ream or 500 sheets. Will call Real Goods Trading Co at (Calif) (707)468-9292.

Tanya was given a check to make this purchase.

Next meeting Yearly Gen'l Membership meeting Nov 9, 1993