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Minutes of June 15, 1983
General Membership Meeting,
Hart House, S. Sitting Rm., 8:00-10:00pm

- 1) Summary of Events: Nader's speech, Convocation Hall, Feb. 10, 1982, where 300 people signed up. Hart House organizing meeting, Feb. 25, 100 people began campaign for student referendum to allow \$5.00 fee per student.
SAC (Undergrad reps.) turned down request for piggy-back referendum (insufficient time and potential conflict with radio referendum)
GSU (Graduate reps.) approved request and campaign began.
Public events: Acid Rain, Occupational Health, Nuclear Power and Weapons, Toxic Wastes, Fundraiser Pub, Nader on C.U.B.s (to build profile).
Won referendum 249-131, March 27, 26.
U of T administration balks at collection of fee (precedent-setting refundable fee, alleged precedent-setting collection by them "student group" -NB The Varsity set the precedent, political pressures?)
GSU agrees to collect fee on our behalf after Nader addresses Council meeting, April 6, 1983. Money to come Oct. 30, 1983.
OPIRG-TORONTO sponsors Acid Rain Caravan '82 and '83 and sets up table at the Environment Week Festival, Nathan Philips Square, June 11.

- 2) Events to Come: Acid Rain Caravan launches in Ottawa June 20.
OPIRG Congress in Peterborough June 17-19.
Goal: to build high profile/presence/identity on campus.
Means: weekly fall events series, build resource centre, etc.

3) Introductions:

Chris Antzoulatos	654-7890	Jack Frankel	H 487-9152 W 962-1121
Harvey Berkall	H 783-8070 W 925-3311	Diane Green	961-6457
Ernst Von Bezold	651-2764 ex. 2706	Mary Harpur	979-2516
Stephanie Cairns	519-846-9638	Rob Janes	H 469-4253 W 978-4589
Peter Cameron	W 519-824-2091	Dave Martin	H 537-3646 W 537-0438
Ken Doll	699-9096	Jeanette Southwood	751-1509
Brian Dressler	223-2615	Melanie Stephens	923-7108
Lisa Dunn	H 533-1205 W 962-8113	Heather Urquhart	H 960-6035 W 979-7458
Siobhan Farrell	533-4103	Hamish Wilson	H 964-2175 W 964-3457

- 4) Constitution discussion: Dave Martin, Memorandum of Agreement between GSU and OPIRG distributed. A Constitution Working Group consisting of GSU and OPIRG reps. is to be formed to devise a draft constitution for Sept. Ernst suggested the new one should reflect GSU's role as midwife, not parents, and should permit the Board's composition to proportionately represent our membership. Contentious issues include accountability to the GSU, the role of Community members, and the possibility of an undergrad. chapter.

- 5) Budget discussion: Tentative budget distributed based on 82-83 enrollment of 6,078 Full time equivalent graduate students X \$5.00 = \$30,390 to be paid in 3 installments: Oct. 30 \$18,234, Jan. 15 \$9117, Mar. 15 \$3039 + new members - refunds (usually less than 5%)

A loan must be secured in order to function till Oct. 30, Ernst suggested a "line of credit" as an alternative and agreed to accompany the loan applicants to the credit committee meeting on June 28 when our fate will be sealed.

Suggested cost-cutting measures: refunds to be paid out in post-dated cheques, delay payment of Lisa's salary until Oct. 30, elimination of second summer position in favour of volunteer labour, minimal contribution to the head office until we're better established.

6) Committee formation:

Constitution: to help Dave: Ernst, Jeanette, Heather

Hiring: (Agenda revised to read: 3 locals, 1 staff, 1 board member) A full-time or two part-time experienced organizer/researcher/s is/are required for August; committee must consist of people familiar with the needs of a PIRG, esp. one with a graduate constituency. A detailed job description must be written and the position widely publicized by Mon. July 4: Brian, Jeanette, Diane, Chris.

Office Search: must be on campus: Bloor-Spadina-College-University and must be ready and furnished by Sept. 6: Rob.

Membership Drive: fundraising and attraction of undergrads and community: Ken, Chris.

Refunders: to help handle busy period of \$5.00 refunds between Sept. 6-30.

Production of posters, flyers, signs, ads: Mary, Hamish, Jeanette, Chris.

Legwork of postering, flyer distribution; Siobhan, Hamish, Jeanette.

Telephoning re: meetings: Jeanette, Diane.

Issues/Research: need brainstorming on what's hot and what's being done on campus, need to make contacts/network with other groups/individuals (esp. Grads, Profs.) Does the issue need action, research or education? : Ken, Heather, Diane, Mary, Hamish, Harvey, Rob, Ernst.

Fall Events: a weekly event series must be planned: speakers, films, activities, workshops, demonstrations?: Hamish, Siobhan, Rob, Chris.

Provisional Board: a committed group of people to hold biweekly meetings to steer OPIRG-Toronto's progress, help determine an identity/philosophy of the local, and "train" for the formally elected Board in the fall. (Peter noted that there has rarely been any contest in other PIRGS - diplomatic arrangements have often been made.): Rob, Harvey, Hamish, Jeanette, Diane.

To all members: talk to Lisa if you wish to join any of these groups, there's lots to do!

: contact the other members of your chosen committees or else call Lisa to set up a meeting with them at the office 978-7458