

Minutes of the 2005-2006 OPIRG Kingston Annual General Meeting (Drums sounding)

Chair: Katharine Im-Jenkins, Chief Returning Officer

Minutes: Dave Burling, Secretary

1. Introductions from the old board and staff.

2. Reflections from the out-going Board: what did you like/enjoy most about your time at OPIRG?

-Board Retreat; being on the outside, the inside and everything in between; Conquered the mountain; Great place to meet activists; Conquered the referendum; the retreat and the referendum; Undaunted; the ins and outs of not-for profits, in the thick of it, Policy stuff!!!

3. The annual report presented by Tracy.

-This year we had a big board composed mostly of new members

-We survived the referendum and the no-campaign through hard work, dedication and shrewd diplomacy.

-Funding (besides the referendum aspect) was still a challenge

-Working groups: Goodbye to Central American Solidarity and Queens Against War, Hello to QUAKC, Friends of Marble Rock, and Curb-side Theatre Collective.

-Working Group Reports: QUAKC had a great year, The Knitters finished their quilt, the library got some Awesome promo material, the Garden collective has fought a frustrating battle with public bureaucracy but remains determined.

4. Financial Report from Ian: We've used about 5/12ths of our budget so far this year.

5. Faculty activism award presented by Danielle (recipient in absentia)

-The winner is Elaine Powers from the Phys-Ed Dept

-She is an accomplished anti-poverty activist dealing with food and hunger in relation to health and poverty

-She teaches courses in health and nutrition and discusses political and social theories of health/food provision in her classes

-She is an organiser of the upcoming conference on food systems

6. Welcome to the New Board!! You Folks Rock!!

-Introductions and why you joined: Not-for-profit, policy and environmental justice;

Promoting OPIRG; Getting involved Locally; what is OPIRG and how can I contribute?; OPIRG Yes! AMS No!; returning Ex-Board member; Veteran Activist.

7. George is our new Treasurer

8. Hey Folks, send a profile and a mug shot for inclusion on our spiffy new website.

9. Training: tentatively set for the 8-9th of April weekend.

10. Pneumonia strikes! The OPIRG Carleton Folks can't make it. Reschedule their presentation perhaps?

11. Food! Beer! Good Times!!!