



OPIRG BROCK 2019-2020 MINUTES



MEETING LOGISTICS

Date: Wednesday November 13, 2019 Time: 5:30-7:30pm Location: PLN

Facilitator: Kerry Minute Taker: Bhonita Mood Minder: Kecha

Participants: Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie, Eli, Kerry

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****PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME IN BRACKETS NEXT TO ANYTHING YOU ADD TO THE AGENDA**

Regular items

- 1. Introduction to meeting: Land acknowledgement, Labour acknowledgement, Accessibility Notes, Review of Group Norms**
 - Kerry
- 2. Check-in/go around: Names, pronouns, OPIRG position(s)**
 - Eli, Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie, Kerry
- 3. News Headlines (People can share any social, economic, or environmental news stories with the meeting)**
 - NAFA statements and news article, OPIRG statement surrounding Indigenous right to hunt
 - anti-choice group forming at Brock (Niagara Reproductive Justice)
- 4. Review of the agenda**
- 5. Financials check-in**
 - Board Approved cheque for Jermaine M.'s workshop on November 8th by email. Waiting for Vanessa to tell Kerry she can pick it up and give to Jermaine.
- 6. Email decisions summary**
 - Proposal: accept all 4 resignation proposals.
 - Approved by Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie
- 7. Approval of previous meeting's minutes**
 - Proposal: Approve August 14 minutes
 - Approved by Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie
- 8. Clearing of the air**
 - Please use Slack!
 - New desktop computer for OPIRG (from OPIRG Toronto)
 - Explanation of agenda items



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9. Community Opt-Ins

- Eli Quirk membership
- Proposal: Approve community membership
- Approved by Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie

10. Board reports (Each person shares what they worked on since starting)

Bukky:

- meeting with Kerry after board meeting today
- writing an academic paper about free store in school, also environmental justice issues

Winnie:

- emphasis on approving audit this meeting
- Ongoing Accountability Process, lawyer tasks, etc

Kecha:

- would like to have more finance meetings

Bhonita:

- provincial update
- accountability committee update

11. Staff reports (Kerry report on staff work)

Kerry

- *Kerry will copy list into this

12. Items brought forward:

Honduro-Canada Solidarity Community Proposal (Christine Snider)

- We aren't doing action groups this year because we cannot afford to.
- TASK: Kecha: set up meeting to offer to work with them to grow their organization as a way of support -Mention that if action groups become feasible again they will be prioritized.

Grapevine Grans Follow Up\

- TASK: Kecha:Email them (apologize for missing the info), recommend they work with positive living niagara and offer to facilitate that communication
- Steven Lewis (sp) Foundation (for HIV)

What's Cool Niagara Profile

- To make a profile on their website about OPIRG events and purpose
- Approved by Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie
- TASK: Bhonita fill out requested information (events, write up, etc)

13. Committee Updates, Feedback, Goals, & Proposals



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Finance Committee

- Immediate financial processes needed (audit)
 - Board Proposes to find 2-3 quotes for audits and notice to readers (possibly find something cheaper than \$10,000)
- Pay Pal account for Donations
 - Will not be problematic as long as we dont use account to pay bills
 - We can link patreon to paypal so we don't have to list it (bank account etc)
- Form 1
 - Expect email requesting info from Kerry or Vanessa

Communications Committee

- Bukky agrees to join communications committee
- possible posting schedule, info to be shared etc

Accountability Committee

- Lawyer + Past Process

14. **New Board Member Proposal:**

- Proposal: Approve Eli Quirk as a member of the board (Facilitator/ community relations)
- Approved by Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie

15. **New Items:**

- Board meeting schedule going forward
 - Every 3rd Monday of the Month TASK: Eli to send out dates
- Anti-Oppression Workshop Series
 - Proposal: Board members that are facilitators can be paid by SJC so that OPIRG funds aren't implicated in the payment of Board members and usage of \$2700 (opirg + sjc joint fund-managed by sjc)
 - Approved by: Winnie, Kecha, Eli
 - Stand-Aside: Bhonita, Bukky
- Placement Students (continuing next semester)
- Harm Reduction Naloxone Trainings
- Publications Program & The Coming Out Monologues
- Upcoming Applications/ Events
 - o PAC Film Partnership
 - o ITS (Free Store)



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- o Niagara Social Justice Forum
 - Bhonita to facilitate activism in Niagara workshop with Kerry at this event
 - Date: February 1st
- o Pride Week Event
 - OPIRG has partnership with FOPAC and SJC to screen film (monthly)
 - event on January 18th
 - Proposal: Kai cheng-thom as guest speaker (in collaboration with niagara poetry slam) for an opirg or joint event
 - Proposal: If not ^ , meeting to discuss coming out monologues
 - Pride week: 300 a month for ownership rights for films/movie marathon

14. Next Meeting's Points (this list is for anything we can't cover in this meeting)

-3% budget

-Proposal: move this and all other provincial updates to next meeting

-Approved by Kecha, Bhonita, Bukky, Winnie

-Location/ Space Update

-Projects we need more Board Involvement on

-New Board Member Outreach

-Patreon/ Sustainership Models

-Niagara Social Justice Coalition

-CUPE Referendum

-Provincial Updates

-Community Concerns that we could address

-DART main stages and casting

-IACLEA status at Brock



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TASK LIST

- Kerry: Edit community membership form (remove asking about location specific info)
- Kerry: Put staff update list in minutes
- Kecha:Honduro-Canada Solidarity Community Proposal (Christine Snider): set up meeting to offer to work with them to grow their organization as a way of support
- Kecha:Grapevine Grans Follow Up:Email them (apologize for missing the info), recommend they work with positive living niagara and offer to facilitate that communication
- Bhonita: Fill out questions and needed info requested by “whats cool Niagara” Profile
- Kerry: Add Bukky to communications committee thread on slack
- Kecha: Email Alex S.
- Kerry: Make Board Binder for Eli
- Eli: to send out dates for board meetings (3rd Tuesday starting January)
- Kecha: Reach out to union rep (rachele) to talk about lay off process with kerry
- Kerry: Put Kecha in contact with Rachele

Board Approval:

Board Member 1

Name: Bhonita Singh

Date Approve: December 16, 2019

Board Member 2

Name: Olubukola Soliu

Date Approved: December 16, 2019

Signature:

Signature: