



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA
PORTLAND, MAINE PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

MEETING MINUTES

Sea Dog Brewing Co., South Portland

November 8, 2011 6:00-7:30 PM

Attendees:	Shanta Keller	Tim Brandon
	Karen Arnold	David Nelson
	Kathy Kern	Keley Adamec
	Will Haskell	

ELECTIONS

Our officers for the 2011-2012 year are as follows:

President: Nadia Glucksberg

Vice President: Shanta Keller

Secretary: Sara Wright

Treasurer: Jay Peters

Fundraising Chair: Kathy Kern

Membership Chair: (Tim Brandon)

Tim was a write-in by one of our members. He is mulling it over, but we are seriously looking for someone to spearhead membership for our chapter. If you are interested, please contact Sara Wright at sara.wright@amec.com.

PROJECT STATUS

- 525 Form needs to be completed and submitted to EWB-USA for review and approval.
- Project Roles: Scott Winchester is willing to take over as Project Lead if Shanta would like to step aside.
- Next Trip: February or March 2012. During this trip, we will be implementing the full-scale rainwater harvesting system, and will conduct additional assessment work for the pond water treatment system design.

- Community: discussed teaching them skills such as jewelry making or pottery so that they can sell items at market and better sustain themselves.

FUNDRAISING

- Raffles: August raffle made \$1040
[November raffle made \$1700: \$1350 in ticket sales and \$350 in generous donations of winning from 4 of our supporters – MUCH THANKS!]
- Yard Sale: We made approximately \$500 at our 2nd Annual Fall Yard Sale held on October 29-30. Great turnout by chapter members for setup and takedown...thank you very much! And as usual, much thanks to Jake Jacobson for making this happen in a big way.
- Curva: A friend of Nadia's owns Curva, a bar in Orono. He has reserved a night in February 2012 for EWB Portland Maine to be the non-profit of the evening, we'll receive some proceeds from cover charges. More information will be forthcoming – should be a fun evening. We will be communicating with the student chapter on this as it's in their neck of the woods – they may be able to have a subsequent evening sponsored.
- Jason Spooner: A friend of our chapter has connections with Jason Spooner, a folk artist who appears at local venues and is willing to play at an upcoming event...we just need to figure out a date and a venue. [If anyone has any good ideas or connections, please contact Kathy Kern.]
- US Companies: It was discussed that we engage US companies that are doing work in Ghana. Kathy has a very preliminary list; she will forward it to Karen Arnold. Karen said she'd like to find names of Ghanians who have come to the US and done well – they could also be a great source for fundraising. Culligan was mentioned as a potential company to tap.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shanta said we have approximately \$6000, and after the November raffle, we will have \$7500-\$8000 toward our next trip.

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Habitat for Humanity Joint Day with ASCE: On Saturday, July 23rd, Will, Sara, Kelcy, David joined some folks from EWB and did a significant portion of the roofing for this house. Thanks to everyone who helped out on this great cause. Special thanks to Will (who is also an ASCE member) for spearheading our involvement.

Festival of Nations: This is the second year we had a booth at this vibrant festival. We met a lot of people, were able to spread the word about our organization and our project, and received a few donations to boot. Special thanks to Karen Arnold for coordinating this event.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

We had lots of discussion on this, as we did at our October meeting. Consensus is that we need to get out and into the school system(s) to discuss who we are, what we do, our project, and engage the students. Will said he has connections in Windham/Raymond, and mentioned that will touch base with Jeremy Bragg who has done a lot of school outreach on behalf on ASCE. Karen has a son in the Gorham school system, and Kathy has connections via niece and nephews at Falmouth and Cape Elizabeth. Waynflete was also mentioned. [This is something that is going to require an individual who will coordinate and champion efforts....we would love a volunteer. Please contact Sara Wright if you are interested!]

EWB-UM

Whitney Chamberlain is our new Student Chapter liaison. She will be Skyping with us at some upcoming meetings. Welcome Whitney!

WEBSITE

Kelcy Adamec has volunteered to be our webmaster. Much thanks to Cindy Talbot of CJT Technical Services for her website support to this point. We look forward maintaining our relationship with her on select tasks in the future.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Sea Dogs Brew Pub on Western Avenue in South Portland.**

I have prepared these meeting minutes to the best of my knowledge. If you have any comments or edits, please forward them to me.

Sincerely,

Katherine Kern