

TCLocal Meeting Minutes December 6, 2008

Present: Jon Bosak, Seph Doliner, John Graves, Bethany Schroeder, Tom Shelley, Angelika St. Laurent, Simon St. Laurent

1) Website

- Health care article has been posted and announced.
- Need to add material explaining who, why, how to help to the home page. **AI: Simon and Jon**
- New server still in the works, which is stalling Simon's progress with various website projects. This is a complicated project, taking weeks rather than days.
- Need to analyze usage data.
- Repository development is still slow. **AI: Jon** needs to rewrite original plan.
- Upcoming article from Angelika, Small Livestock. Karl North has sent comments suggesting more clarification about the efficacy of plant-based diets, and several members have submitted suggestions.
- Incoming article from Tom, Wasting in the Energy Descent. Tom is concerned that it may be too long; **AI: Jon** will try to edit it down or **Tom** may develop a part 2, depending on comments from members. Tom will try to get a revision out to the group ASAP.

2) Editorial

- How should we treat upper-case versus lower-case job titles in postings? Group agrees to upper-case for titles, largely because that is the expectation in the community.
- Workflow for articles (a clarification): Contributor circulates first draft to the group, then the group sends comments to the contributor, after which the contributor returns a revision before the next monthly meeting. At the meeting, the groups signs off on the final draft. As editor, Jon will work individually with contributors.
- Updated study subject list: **AI: Jon** will circulate in email. **AI: Jon** will contact New World Ag list to see about TCLocal presentation, with additional hopes of recruiting new contributors.

2) Local municipal issues

- TCAT: statistical data has been promised but has not yet materialized.
- County Energy/GHG plan: Jon and John attended the meeting in support of the plan. Jon likes the projection of a dollar a gallon/year.
- City water supply: Jon has prepared an article, which he'll continue to work on and submit closer to due date (March). Will seek local publication (try to plan for February) or will post on his own (ibiblio) web site.
- Town Planning Board: CU energy recovery linear accelerator project discussed.

3) Outreach

- Cornell "Green Cities" class: the little St. Laurent family presented; students received the information well, asked good questions. Simon included information about railways, agriculture, transportation, and other topics. Some students even volunteered to help

with projects (not writing). Elan took exception with the notion that we can't make up the liquid fuels loss through other means (wind, solar, biofuels, etc.).

4) Interactions with other organizations: none to note. TCLocal is on the ST map, in almost every category.

5) Organization Issues

- Listing members, affiliations: Simon hopes to be able to post this soon to our site.
- Karl North will now be a contributor and will work on Food Production Systems. All members agree
- How to proceed with print versions of our content? We'll discuss process and schedule. John's son-in-law offered to help (he's a graphic artist).

6) Next meeting: January 3, 4-6, at Tom's

7) Future agenda items

- Educational components: update data, content presentations, outside presentations.

Blog Publishing Plan

December: Small Livestock (Angelika St. Laurent)

January: Waste Management (Tom Shelley)

February: Food Processing (Seph Doliner)

March: Local Foodsheds (Chris Peters)

April: Local Wood Heat (Tony Nekut)

May: Local Biofuel Production (Tycho Dan)

June: Household Preparation, Part 2 (Kate Quinn-Jacobs)

July: Health Care Resources, Part 2 (Bethany Schroeder)

August: Food Production Systems (Karl North)

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Schroeder
