ELS Meeting
November 2, 2010

Introduction
Election Day!

ELS General
  - Zero Waste Fundraiser
    o 7 of 50 utensil sets left!
    o wrap-n-mats and clothing still for sale
    o ELS will continue to sell all items. We are taking pre-orders for the utensils
      - ask buyers to pay up front
      - ELS will purchase as needed
      - ELS will deliver to student’s mailbox
  - ELS TWEN - Katie
    o Updating the website calendar will not happen soon enough.
    o We are using the TWEN site for all things ELS
      sign up for the TWEN site:
      - sub-pages for committees forthcoming
      - TWEN calendar up to date
        • let Katie know if you want an automatic reminder for certain events
  - ByLaws
    o bylaws have been updated
    o vote scheduled for next meeting
      - this gives you time to look over the changes and suggest any changes you want
      - Send suggested changes to Meredith Crafton
      - we will email a final copy one week before the meeting
    o three versions to compare
      - all are on the K drive
      - access from it.vermontlaw.edu
        • File Path: Net Storage File Access > K Drive > Students > Shared > ELS
    o Voting members will vote at the next general meeting
      - 2/3 majority required for approval
  - Speaker Fund Request
    o Ocean and Coastal Conference request for speaker fund made
  - NAELS
    o ELS’s membership renewed
    o ELSers can run for position on the NAELS exec board to help lead the organization
    o Being part of a national organization provides an opportunity to network, meet new people, FIND JOBS, etc.
This year’s conference is in Boston and ELS should take advantage of the close proximity.

Activities during meetings
- Are ELS meetings lame? Just updates?
- What about integrating activities into the meetings to make them interactive?
- Options
  - Assign committees a duty to come up with an activity to the meeting.
    - i.e. helping with needed projects.
  - Bring speakers, etc. to come to the meeting.
    - i.e. Rebeca Purim (?)
    - New co-director of the Environmental Law Center and new online MELP degree.
- Mingling

Committee Reports

Arborist Society
- Plant Sale: Nov 29-30
- Night time tree walk on Friday 11/5 is **postponed**.
- BTW, these events are on the TWEN site because Dave emailed Katie (hint, hint).

Advocacy
- moving forward with renewable energy panels in the Spring
- VLS Chapter of the Dartmouth Energy Collaborative potentially interested in co-sponsoring

Campus Greening Committee
- VLS constructing a compost bin behind Eaton House
- Working on getting the train to stop in So-Ro
  - ADA approval necessary

EEG
- Dan and Andrea visiting students this week on Friday, Nov. 3

Freshwater
- planning a bottle v. tap taste test
  - blind sampling
  - education about water laws surrounding bottled water
- field trip to Echo Aquarium in Burlington
  - Saturday, TBD
- Organizing a speaker about water issues in Palestine

Ocean and Coastal
- waiting on budget
• invitations to speakers to be sent out soon
  ○ speakers lined up but need money before confirmations
• brown bag lunches to resume once speakers have been identified

Events
• Royalton Roots Harveset dinner (Friday, Nov. 5)
  ○ SoRo school (223 S. Windsor)
    ▪ bring your own plate and bamboo utensils!
  ○ Open from 5:30 - 7:30
  ○ $10 to eat some yummy local food
    ▪ tickets available at the SoRo Coop
    ▪ reservation encouraged: 802-498-8438
  ○ volunteers accepted
  ○ money supports Royalton Roots project to get local food in schools
• Telluride Mountain Film Festival (Nov. 10)
  ○ Pure awesomeness – get excited!
  ○ 6:30 in Chase
  ○ lots of hard work has gone into this event
  ○ come out, see cool short films, eat popcorn and drink apple cider
• Environmental Action Conference (Nov. 13)
  ○ next Saturday
  ○ 8:30-5:30
  ○ it’s on the Facebook page and TWEN site
  ○ grassroots activism, groups tabling
  ○ ELS cosponsoring
    ▪ $10 entrance fee
  ○ great opportunity to network
  ○ Krystil Smith is driving; email her to coordinate carpool
• Bee Movie (Nov. 29)
  ○ Oakes 007
  ○ awesome discussion to follow about the vanishing of the bees
  ○ more info to follow
• Gus Speth at ELS meeting?
  ○ Speth is super cool, early environmental attorney
  ○ can’t come on Tuesdays :-(
    ▪ unless Bryan can use his “bothering skills to the max”
  ○ probably easier to move ELS meeting to a Mon. or Wed.

GO VOTE!