

Don't Frack PEI Annual General Meeting

February 23rd 2015, Murphy's Community Centre

Leo Broderick opened the meeting, and the agenda was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Andrew Lush introduced the main speaker, Jim Emberger. Jim is spokesperson for the New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance.

Jim Emberger gave an informative talk entitled The Citizen's Guide to Shale Gas, which covered the many negative aspects of hydraulic fracturing. Jim highlighted so many problems including serious health effects, environmental damage, road damage, water contamination, social problems, increased costs to the taxpayer, and that fracking has not made a profit in North America since 2008.

Andrew Lush thanked Jim for his talk, then presented the financial report which was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Andrew Lush presented an annual report of the activities of Don't Frack PEI, which included visits to NS and NB by committee members; presentations in Elmsdale (Westisle) and Souris; workshops in Mill River and Charlottetown; a showing of Gasland 2; petitions being presented in the House of Commons; steering committee meetings; articles and letters in the media; and t-shirt sales.

Marie Burge led a discussion, which came up with some ideas for a way forward:

- Pressing for a ban on seismic testing
- Paid space in the newspapers to educate the public
- Making use of the free Green Pages section of The Guardian
- Letter writing campaign
- Formal questions for politicians in the lead up to the election
- Concentrating on the effects of fracking on our water
- Help candidates in their campaigns with packages of information
- Donation drives / petition signings, perhaps on a road

Teresa Doyle's song "Let's Ban the Foolin' Fracking" was played, with many singing along.

Three new members proposed themselves for the steering committee and another name was suggested.

Cindy Richards introduced the new Environmental Rights group Blue Dot PEI. Petition postcards were handed out. The group is aiming to pass declarations of environmental rights at the municipal level across PEI. More information and to order petition postcards, see the Blue Dot PEI facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

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