

EXHIBIT 18

Gmail - [freecyclemodsquad] Rogue group

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percysgirl1000 <cnc1000@aol.com>
To: freecyclemodsquad@yahoogroups.com

Sun, Aug 7, 2005 at 4:00 PM

I have something that was just brought to my attention, and I need some help with this.

A member of my group, just started what I consider a rogue group. They are using Freecycle in the name, and are saying it was created because they did not see a group for this area. Not so, because they are a member of my group, and the only way they are skirting the issue is using the name of the county, rather than the city name, as ours is.

This is definitely an overlap. I was trying to find out what to do, on Freecycle(TM).org, and the info I got was that this person must ask my permission to create another group, when it will overlap. Now, I was under the impression that there was to be no overlapping, but I could be wrong about this, or it could have changed. Also, this group is not listed in Org., but there really hasn't been time to get listed, as it has just been created, and it probably won't be listed, because they do not have my permission. What I want to know is will Org. shut them down for being rogue, and using the Freecycle(TM) name?

Anyway, another mod kindly let me know about it.

I am not certain whether to contact this person, or if there is another route I need to follow. I understand they are spamming local groups, to recruit other members.

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!
Christine, SalisburyNCFreecycle(TM)

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Barry <myfreecycle@charter.net>
To: freecyclemodsquad@yahoo.com

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Contact your GOA right away. The address is (your state name)@ [freecycle.org](#) (remove the space). Let them know everything you know.

That is something that needs to be addressed right away.

Barry

"Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

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Debra Sawyers <debsawyers@yahoo.com>
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If they've submitted a request to be an official Freecycle group listed on the .org, your state new group approver will receive the request, will reject it because of the obvious overlap and it will be followed by our database staff.

Feel free to forward the info to your State NGA. If they haven't applied, the NGA will make sure the info is properly recorded for followup.

You can find your approver by checking the list at [Freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

<http://www.freecycle.org/approvers.php>

I personally would not contact the moderator of the other group and let the NGA take the official route with it.

Deb

Lancaster PA Freecycle Group Owner
Pennsylvania New Group Approver

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Eric Barry <eric@ashmont.net>
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Cc: freecyclemodsquad@yahogroups.com

Sun, Aug 7, 2005 at 4:13 PM

Hi!

There are a number of different paths you can take here, but the most bestest one would be this:

Contact your local GOA. Your Group Outreach and Assistance person is the only person qualified to handle this sort of situation. In most cases, the GOA will then talk to the New Group Approver (NGA) for the state and see if there is a pending group application.

This is rather important because if they submitted an application, they are technically not a rogue group. Two things that are important about your particular situation are: 1. It is for a county. (you are correct, groups for counties are frowned upon) 2. Your group already exists!!! The NGA should contact you for permission anyway (should it get to that) but never fear, the group should not be approved.

Anyway - if there is a pending app, and it is rejected, the group owners are explicitly told to remove all FC related material from their site. This is enforced by the GOA at some point in the future - but it is entirely possible that a follow-up is not done. This may require a second follow-up to the GOA in a couple months. If there is no pending app, then the GOA should contact the group owner to get the FC stuff taken down. This also could take a couple weeks/months to get complete compliance. Some group owners may not be as...responsive as others, and going to Yahoo! for each non-compliance is rather tedious. Plus, one has to be completely sure of the intentions and the history before approaching Yahoo! with a shut-down request.

Anyway, I hope this helps!

Eric

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cnc1000@aol.com <cnc1000@aol.com>
To: freecyclemodsquad@yahoogroups.com

Sun, Aug 7, 2005 at 6:40 PM

In a message dated 08/07/05 8:26:08 PM, freecyclemodsquad@yahoogroups.com writes:

<<
I personally would not contact the moderator of the other group and let the NGA take the official route with it.

Deb
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I didn't have to do a thing, Deb. They are already gone! :) Thanks for the input. I won't contact this person, unless they try to post a link on my group.
Christine

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