



MINUTES of Annual General Meeting – November 24, 2005

Date: Thursday November 24, 2005
 Time: 6:30 PM
 Place: **Chipican Restaurant
 Point Edward, Ontario**

ATTENDED MEETING: Ken Hall, Gary Johnson, Archie Kerr, Darrell Randell, Bela Trebics, Debbie Trebics, Theresa Warren, Bud West, Modris Zandbergs

Agreements/Action Items

1. Agenda **APPROVED**
2. Minutes from November 10, 2004 AGM approved
 - **Moved** by Bela Trebics. 2nd by Theresa Warren – **Carried**
 Minutes from the September 26, 2005 Friends meeting approved
 - **Moved** by Theresa Warren. 2nd by Gary Johnson – **Carried**

Discussion from the last meeting ensued regarding the ~\$8K remaining in a restricted budget for sediment related work. Bud discussed the matter with Marion Watt, the accountant and determined that one of the following needs to occur:

1. Letter from Env. Canada stating they don't need the money returned and it can be used for a different application;
2. Documented telephone call to Env. Canada in which they indicate it is acceptable to use the funds for a different application;
3. Return the funds to Env. Canada;
4. Use the funds for a sediment related activity.

ACTION: Darrell to bring this up at the next RAP Implementation Committee (RIC) habitat workshop and speak to Env. Canada on whether the funds can be used for a different application.

3. **Financial Report.**
 Funds from COA (c/o Ted Briggs) in amount of \$5K have not been received. Darrell signed the COA application at the last meeting.

Moved by Bud, 2nd by Modris to accept the Financial Report –**Carried**
Moved by Bud, 2nd by Bela to accept the Auditor's 2004 Financial Statements – **Carried**
Moved by Bud, 2nd by Theresa to appoint Marion Watt as Auditor for 2006 – **Carried**

Action: 2006 budget ideas should be provided to Bud in order to permit a Trillium Foundation application to be submitted by the March 1, 2006 deadline.

It was suggested by Archie that the \$5K be spent on preparation of a BPAC report card. He is working on a business plan with Janice Littlefield for BPAC which will have a budget.

4. **RIC** convened their first meeting and have another one scheduled for Mooretown. A RIC habitat workshop is scheduled for Feb. 1-2 at the Wheels Inn in Chatham.
5. Ken Hall reported that there have been 1700 hits on the web site in approximately 1 year. He feels that the increase is a result of new information posted on the site. He is optimistic that there is sufficient information to warrant promoting of the site and offered to develop a modest web-based advertising campaign to increase traffic on the site.

Moved by Gary, 2nd by Bela to develop a business card size ad promoting the FOSCR web site and to post an ad for 1 month on a pilot basis. Ken to consider advertising on EBtech, Xcelco, Kent. Net and possibly others. Invoices to be sent to Bud. - **Carried**

6. **Environmental Awards**

Action – Gary to send email to Stew asking for environmental awards to be added to next BPAC agenda.

7. Darrell reviewed the Friends bylaws and reported that members can be "...anyone with an interest in the St. Clair River." This would include both Canadian and U.S. members of BPAC.

Action – Bela will email Patty Troy and suggest that U.S. Friends begin to operate again.

8. **Election of Officers:** Based on nominations, the following are Officers for the next term:

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| President – | Darrell Randell |
| Vice President - | Bela Trebics |
| Secretary- | Gary Johnson |
| Treasurer- | Bud West |
| Director (Programs) - | Stew Thornley |
| Directors- | Theresa Warren, Modris Zandbergs, Archie Kerr, Ken Hall, Deb Trebics |

It was noted that Ken has a standing conflict of interest and will withdraw from voting on web-site issues.

9. **Other Business –**

Moved by Bud, 2nd by Archie that Darrell and Gary be given signing authority. Only 1 signature will be required. - **Carried**

10. Next meeting – The next meeting will take place on February 16, 2006 at the MOE office (1094 London Road) in Sarnia beginning at 6:30.