



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Open Grill Restaurant

721 Lite Street, Point Edward, Ontario

Present: Peter Westfall, Craig Griffiths, Kathy Watts, Donna Strang, Erin Carroll, Darrell Randell, Kim Gledhill, Brenda Lorenz, Ken Hall, Terry Burrell

Regrets: Kris Lee

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from the September 1, 2015 meeting

The minutes from the meeting on September 1, 2015 were reviewed.

Motion to Approve the Agenda and Minutes – Brenda Lorenz, Terry Burrell

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Bluewater Anglers – Craig Griffiths or Donna Strang

Craig Griffiths has been in contact with numerous members of the Bluewater Anglers regarding potential outreach initiatives FOSCR could become involved in. The most ideal opportunity would be to become involved with the Family/Children's Fishing Derby that attracts approximately 200 people from the local community. The Derby is scheduled to coincide with the Free Family Fishing Week organized by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

• Ideas:

- Set up a booth with family/kid friendly game at the Family/Children's Fishing Derby.

ACTION – Kim Gledhill, Craig Griffiths, Ken Hall and Donna Strang to work together on organizing a booth/game/handouts for the Family/Children's Fishing Derby.

- Donate prizes
- Make a donation to support maintenance requirements for the hatchery

Some Directors were hesitant to commit to a donation that would support hatchery infrastructure maintenance rather than an educational event, etc. where FOSCR would gain exposure.

ACTION – Craig Griffiths will follow-up with Bluewater Anglers to discuss. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

2. Phragmites Outreach – Donna Strang

Donna Strang updated FOSCR Directors on the Phragmites brochure currently being developed. She sent the draft brochure to two Phragmites experts (Janice Gilbert and Nancy Vidler) for comment and feedback. She received comments, additional information and pictures from Janice Gilbert. Donna Strang will revise the brochure, circulate to FOSCR Directors for finalization and move forward with printing in early 2016.

3. CKLCWF Grant Returned – River RAP Program Expanded - Darrell Randell

The Children's Water Festival was cancelled for 2015 and the contribution provided by FOSCR was returned. As an alternative, the money was provided to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) to support an expanded River RAP Program. A report providing an update on the program is pending.

4. Great Lakes Community Guardian Fund – Kim Gledhill

Kim Gledhill reported that projects supported by the Great Lakes Community Guardian Fund at Canatara Park were complete. The project included the installation of a boardwalk to protect dune grasses planted at the beach along with planting wetland vegetation in Lake Chipican. Kim also reported that the City of Sarnia is considering planting tall grass prairie or placing boulders between the parking lot and beach to deter vehicular traffic.

3. Financial Report – Terry Burrell

Terry Burrell reported on the current balances in both accounts and distributed copies of the most up-to-date financial statements:

Scotiabank - \$6646.36

Tangerine (formally ING) - \$29 649.86

Motion to Approve the Financial Report – Terry Burrell, Ken Hall

CARRIED

4. Activity/Project Updates:

• Summary of Communications Activity – Ken Hall

- Three editions of the FOSCR E-Newsletter were prepared in 2015. The next issue should be distributed in late January or early February. Ken Hall requested that articles be submitted by January 10, 2016.
- Thirty-eight people contacted Ken through the FOSCR website and requested that they be added to the distribution list. Additional contacts to add to the list are always sought after.
- The website had 14 600 hits in 2015 with most views directed to the Photo Gallery page on the website.

- The Public Outreach and Education Committee of the Canadian Remedial Action Plan Implementation Committee (CRIC) met twice in 2015 and are planning a number of activities that will move forward in 2016.
- At the last FOSCR meeting, the idea of holding another photo contest was suggested. Ken suggested that if a photo contest were to be held, the photo categories would have to be different than in previous years to garner interest again. Ken suggested that entering social media may be a better outreach option moving forward.
 - ACTION** – Brenda Lorenz and Kim Gledhill will organize a small subcommittee of FOSCR Directors to discuss the photo contest in more detail.
- Donation in Support of Kim’s Education Program at Dow Wetlands
 - At the last FOSCR meeting, Kim Gledhill advised that a donation of \$1000 was put forward to support her education program at the Dow Wetlands. Kim updated FOSCR members that the donation had been received and classes will be held in the spring.
- Caron Habitat Restoration at Thornyhurst – Complete
 - Darrell Randell reported that the habitat restoration at the Caron property in Thornyhurst is complete. A site visit will occur in the spring. FOSCR Directors will be made aware of the date and time via email closer to the date.
- Phragmites Outreach – Donna
 - This agenda item was discussed earlier during the meeting.
- Lake Chipican, Discussion – Kim Gledhill
 - Kim Gledhill advised FOSCR Directors that phragmites are beginning to once again invade Lake Chipican in Canatara Park. The City of Sarnia has been asked to spray but treatment has been continuously delayed. Kim reported that if the phragmites are not treated next year, the plant will become more established and impact the restoration work conducted at Lake Chipican over the past few years.

FOSCR Directors committed to providing some financial support to have the phragmites at Lake Chipican if treated in 2016.

- Ontario Trillium Fund Application with SCRCA – Erin Carroll and Darrell Randell
 - Erin Carroll and Darrell Randell updated FOSCR Directors on the status of the Ontario Trillium Fund Application that was submitted by FOSCR in partnership with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. The proposed work spans three years and includes aquatic habitat restoration, fish and mussel monitoring and public education. The total amount of funding requested over the three year period totals \$165 000. Notification of successful applications will occur in May 2016.

5. Project Updates

- Bossu Wetland Update – Darrell Randell
 - This agenda item was not discussed.
- Bear Creek National Wildlife Area
 - Restoration work at this location has been completed by local contractors and included dyke repair and replacement of water level control instruments.

- New Landowner Contact – Pond Request at Oil Springs Line
 - Darrell Randell advised that he was approached by a local landowner on Oil Spring Line regarding the excavation of a wetland. This project will be held off until 2016.
- Bats Request for Support
 - This agenda item was not discussed as it will not address any BUIs for the St. Clair River AOC.
- RLSN Shoreline Rehab along Lake St. Clair, Request for Support – Darrell Randell
 - Darrell Randell reported that he was approached by the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network (RLSN) regarding support for their habitat restoration, creation and enhancement projects along the eastern shoreline of Lake St. Clair. The proposed work would result in 49 hectares (121 acres) of improved coastal wetland habitat.

Motion to approve a \$5000 contribution to the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network for shoreline rehabilitation along Lake St. Clair conditional on RLSN acknowledging the FOSCR contribution through a media release and submission of an article for the E-Newsletter. – Terry Burrell, Kim Gledhill

CARRIED

6. Annual Meeting Election of Officers

- President
 - Darrell Randell was nominated by Terry Burrell. Darrell Randell accepted the nomination.

Motion to approve FOSCR Director positions be filled by acclamation. – Darrell Randell, Terry Burrell

CARRIED

- Vice-President – Brenda Lorenz
- Treasurer – Terry Burrell
- Secretary – Donna Strang
- Webmaster – Ken Hall
- Directors - Kathy Watts
Peter Westfall
Kris Lee
Erin Carroll
Kim Gledhill
Archie Kerr
Craig Griffiths

7. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting – Terry Burrell, Brenda Lorenz

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.