



**Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 2018
St. Clair Civic Center
1155 Emily St., Mooretown, Ontario**

Present: Darrell Randell, Kelly Johnson, Brenda Lorenz, Archie Kerr, Kathy Watts, Ken Hall, Terry Burrell, Peter Westfall, Kris Lee

Guests: Vince Gagner

Regrets: Erin Carroll, Craig Griffiths

The October 25, 2018 meeting of Friends of the St. Clair River (FOSCR) was called to order by Darrell Randell.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from the March 22, 2018 meeting

The minutes from the meeting on March 22, 2018 were reviewed.

Motion to Approve the Agenda and Minutes – Archie Kerr, Ken Hall

CARRIED

2. Introduction of Guest – Vince Gagner

Vince Gagner attended the FOSCR meeting and was asked to provide a brief introduction of himself and his upcoming position with the Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association (SLEA). Vince is from Wallaceburg and grew up on the St. Clair River. He has a background in toxicology and has held many interesting positions over the years. Along with being the General Manager of the Industrial Education Co-Op, and General Manager of CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response), he will also be taking on the role of General Manager for SLEA when Dean Edwardson retires at the end of October 2018.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mussel Relocation at Moore Wildlife Area – Darrell Randell

- Darrell reported that St. Clair Region Conservation Authority did not move ahead with this project due to lack of funding.
- FOSCR had offered \$3000 towards the project and will now reallocate those funds.

Website Improvement Status – Kelly Johnson

- Kelly reported that work on the new website is continuing and is anticipated to wrap up by year end.

ACTION: Kelly will request an invoice from St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for the contracted work.

Go Wild Grow Wild – Discussion

- Brenda Lorenz, Kathy Watts, Erin Carroll and Kris Lee staffed the FOSCR booth at this event in April.
- As in past years the event was well attended and our interactive display was popular.
- The Frisbee giveaways were also popular.
- It was recommended that if FOSCR attend in 2019 the River RAP activity be taken.

4. Future of Friends of the St. Clair River US – Kris Lee

Kris informed FOSCR that Sheri Faust, Chair of Friends of the St. Clair River US, recently gave a presentation to the Binational Public Advisory Council on the future direction of their group. As part of that presentation Sheri shared a flow chart their group developed to explain the organization of the Area of Concern program. This graphic may be a useful tool to include on the new website. The flow chart will be sent to FOSCR members with the meeting minutes. It was also decided that it would be beneficial to have Sheri deliver her presentation to FOSCR at an upcoming meeting.

ACTION: Ken Hall offered to develop a similar flowchart for Friends of the St. Clair River Canada.

ACTION: Kris Lee will contact Sheri Faust to deliver her presentation at a future FOSCR meeting.

5. Financial Report – Terry Burrell

Terry Burrell reported that the FOSCR Scotiabank account balance is \$5918.29. The Tangerine account balance is \$79732.11.

- \$26,800.00 is still to be transferred to St. Clair Region Conservation Authority for the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant activities.

Darrell Randell reported that the annual grant from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to FOSCR is being reviewed along with all other transfer payments by the new provincial government. We hope for a positive outcome.

Motion to accept the October 25, 2018 financial report – Terry Burrell, Brenda Lorenz

CARRIED

6. Activity/Project Updates

Summary of Communication Activities – Ken Hall

- The next FOSCR newsletter will be distributed in November.

- It was recommended that in the future we request wrap-up articles from all groups who receive funding from the FOSCR.
ACTION: Submissions for the next newsletter should be sent to Ken by November 5, 2018.

SCRCA request for support for River RAP Program – Darrell Randell

- FOSCR typically provides funding to the River RAP Program for \$1000 in the spring and fall. However, funding was not allocated to the program this spring.

Motion to approve funding of \$2500 to support the River RAP program for 2018 with an article for the newsletter due to Ken Hall by November 5, 2018. – Archie Kerr, Peter Westfall

CARRIED

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Property 82 Project – Darrell Randell

- Jessica VanZwol of St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) has requested \$2,750.00 in funding for a project on Black Creek Line, at a property owned by SCRCA.
- This project included a ¾ acre wetland creation.

Motion to reallocate \$2,750.00 of the money designated for the Moore Wildlife Area project – Terry Burrell, Archie Kerr

CARRIED

Seward Request from RLSN – Darrell Randell

- This project is located on Courtright Line and will include a 0.32 ac wetland and 1.3 ac tallgrass prairie planting.

Pierson Request from RLSN – Darrell Randell

- This project is on Base Line Road in the Port Lambton area. The property is 15 ac and the project will include a wetland creation and tree planting on 9.5. ac.

Steve Miller Request from RLSN – Darrell Randell

- The project property is on Moore Line, outside the boundaries of the Area of Concern. The project includes significant erosion and sediment control. A 4.5 ac wetland will also be created along with 12 ac of tallgrass prairie.

Motion to approve funding of \$2000 for the Seward project, \$3000 for the Pierson project, and \$6000 for the Miller project. A newsletter article will be requested for each of the projects. – Terry Burrell, Archie Kerr

CARRIED

Aamjiwnaang First Nation Tree Planting – Kelly Johnson

- Kelly is working with Aamjiwnaang First Nation to organize a tree planting event on November 7, 2018 from 3 pm to 5 pm along the St. Clair River shoreline.

- FOSCR members are invited to attend the event. Kelly will follow up with details closer to the event date.

St. Clair River Evening – Kelly Johnson

- Kelly is working to coordinate a “St. Clair River Evening” event which will be held in Sarnia and be open to the public. It is hoped the event will take place this November. The theme will be habitat restoration in the AOC. Further information will be circulated in the coming weeks.

7. Other Business

Annual General Meeting

- The Annual General Meeting will be held December 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Open Grill in Sarnia, Ontario.

8. Adjournment