



FINAL- FOSCR Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022
Teleconference via Zoom

Attendees: Craig Griffiths, Terry Burrell, Kris Lee, Ken Hall, Brenda Lorenz, Archie Kerr, John Timar, Peter Westfall, Natasha Pozega

Regrets: Shaun Bisson

Actions Arising

- Craig will connect with Clint Jacobs at WIFN to offer support on the sturgeon habitat project.
- Kris to inquire about a logo to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the GLWQA.
- Craig and Archie to contact Bluewater Anglers to discuss a potential partnership and involvement in their summer events.
- Peter to contact Mayor Hand about FOSCR set up a tent along the river to talk to pedestrians throughout the summer months.
- Natasha will connect Ken with the education team for “Kids Corner” sign ideas.
- Craig will revise his draft sign on fish populations and habitat and share with Brenda and Archie for review.
- Ken will circulate a Word document and image of the two draft signs to Archie and Brenda for review.
- Brainstorm SWAG ideas.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:35pm.

1. Review and approval of Minutes from December 8, 2021.

Items arising from the minutes:

- ✓ Craig to email Darrel about phragmites at Roberta Stewart Wetland near White Bread- *carry forward.*
- ✓ Members to review Habitat and How Far We’ve Come Signs and provide final comments by **December 17, 2021**
- ✓ Shaun and Ken to develop ad for Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby Tabloid by **January 4, 2022**. Natasha will connect with BWA to confirm ad space and arrange payment.

- ✓ Natasha to circulate event details and submit booth application for Mermaids and Mariners event.
- ✓ Remaining events and discussion of new members tabled to next meeting- *to be discussed*.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from December 8, 2021.

Moved by Terry Burrell
Seconded by Archie Kerr

Motion carried.

2. **Finances and Funding** – Terry & Craig

MECP funding has been approved for 2022-2023. Funding totals \$25,000 for the year.

Craig was contacted by LGL Limited seeking \$4500 in support for a sturgeon habitat creation project being led by Walpole Island First Nation. Craig will connect with Clint Jacobs at WIFN to offer support on the project.

Terry circulated a copy of the current Bank Record. The investment account balance is \$15,036.96 (Scotiabank), and the bank account is \$43,232.43. The total funds available are \$43,232.43.

3. **GLWQA 50th Anniversary**- Kris

- A public forum is being organized to celebrate 50 years since the signing of the original Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA).
- The IJC is organizing a celebration in Windsor in September. All of the AOCs around the Great Lakes will be invited.
- The community groups involved in the GLWQA want to have a bigger footprint in the celebration. Proposing that any of the events happening in the St. Clair River AOC will also celebrate the 50th anniversary by sharing outreach materials, etc.
- All of the community activities across the Great Lakes will be documented in a report to be shared at the September meeting.
- Kris to inquire about a logo.
- Will need summarize the link between the GLWQA and the Friends. Why was the agreement signed? How did the Friends begin? Kris will connect with John Jackson and develop the storyline.
- The storyline should be kept very simple so to be easily digested by the public.

4. **Mermaids and Mariners** - All

- Booth is booked August 20, 2022 at Brander Park. The event is being hosted by Sherri DeWolf, Founder of Mermaids & Mariners on the St. Clair River.

- Ken Hall will be joining the Facebook group on behalf of the Friends to receive regular vendor updates.

5. **Great Lakes Super Series Bass Tournament and Other Events**– Craig

- This bass tournament is being held out of Sarnia Bay. Expecting approximately 75 teams (~150 competitors). Craig reached out to see how FOSCR could be involved, but did not receive a response.
- Bluewater Anglers Kids Training Day (May 28, 2022 from 10am to 2pm)- pre-Covid this was a very large event. The group is interested in being a part of this event again.
- Bluewater Anglers Family Fun Day (July 9, 2022).
- FOSCR interested in investigating a potential partnership with the Bluewater Anglers to support and/or be a part of their events and help with the hatchery. Craig will reach out to BWA to ask how we can get involved with the two summer events. Archie will connect with Pete Bothwell as well.
- Peter to contact Mayor Hand about FOSCR set up a tent along the river to talk to pedestrians throughout the summer months. Can also investigate the possibility of setting up a tent at Centennial Park.
- Aamjiwnnag St. Clair River Days, Pow Wow- are these events happening this year?

6. **River Signs** – All

- Shaun continues to work on an industry sign and is waiting for approval from the committee (meeting in early March).
- Two draft signs reviewed at the last meeting. Ken is working on those updates. One suggestion was for a kids corner- Natasha will connect Ken with the education team for ideas and/or existing materials.
- Folia turnaround time is currently 12-16 weeks. We likely won't have signs in the ground until September.
- May be an opportunity to put up a sign to celebrate the 50th Anniversary GLWQA.
- Craig will revise his draft sign on fish populations and habitat and share with Brenda and Archie for review.
- Ken will circulate a Word document and image of the two draft signs to Archie and Brenda for review.

7. **Other Business**

Final Sediment Management Remedial Design Report is now available at stclairsediment.ca. The report recommends the application of an Erosion Resistant Cover in 3 priority areas with elevated concentrations of mercury in the top 15cm of sediment. There is not yet a plan for implementation.

Need to invest in some SWAG for upcoming kids events. The committee will brainstorm for discussion at the next meeting. Some idea include bobbers, jar openers and rubber bracelets.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting proposed for first or second week of April.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.