



**FOSCR Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2022
Brownstones Restaurant
1000 Finch Dr, Sarnia, ON N7S 6G5**

Attendees:

Craig Griffiths, Terry Burrell, Kris Lee, Ken Hall, Brenda Lorenz, John Timar, Susan MacFarlane, Peter Westfall, Luis Gabriel Torres-Pulgarin, Mike Moroney

Regrets:

Vince Gagner, Gisela Arizabaleta Moreno

Actions Arising:

- a) Identifying opportunities to engage students: Craig will again attempt to reach out to schools within the St. Clair River AOC to find out what opportunities there are for FOSCR to engage students. Susan to contact Engineers for Tomorrow.
- b) Mike to inform Climate Action Sarnia of FOSCR decision to support the Biodiversity speaker.
- c) Mike to schedule a virtual meeting with Jordan Williams of Walpole Island First Nation and other FOSCR members that are available to discuss the proposal in more detail.
- d) Ken to email electronic versions of the signs to all members for review. Comments will be due January 15, 2023.
- e) Kris to contact St. Clair Township to see if Mooretown's Centennial Park is on their priority list for shoreline restoration work.
- f) Mike to check with the SCRCA Water Department to see Mooretown's Centennial Park has been identified as a priority area for shoreline work.
- g) Mike to locate a presentation previously prepared for use by FOSCR and update it as required for use when presenting to Bluewater Anglers.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:15 pm

1. Introductions

- Round table introductions were made and Susan MacFarlane and Luis Gabriel Torres-Pulgarin were welcomed as new members of FOSCR.

2. Review and approval of Minutes from September 21, 2022

Moved by: Craig Griffiths

CARRIED

3. Review of Action Items from September 21, 2022

- All action items were completed with the exception of Item a). It was agreed to carry this forward as an outstanding action item. Susan MacFarlane offered to connect with Engineers for Tomorrow to discuss potential opportunities through that group.

4. Funding Requests

a) Climate Action Sarnia – Speaker Series

- After some discussion about the speaker series and whether FOSCR should support one or all of the speakers, there was consensus that it would be best to focus on speakers that are relevant to the St. Clair River AOC Remedial Action Plan.

Moved by: Peter Westfall

Seconded by: Ken Hall

That the FOSCR support the Biodiversity speaker only, and that \$100.00 be provided. The remainder of the funds can be used by Climate Action Sarnia for other events.

CARRIED

- **Action:** Mike to inform Climate Action Sarnia of FOSCR decision.

b) Jordan Williams – Walpole Island First Nation – Tree Planting

- There was consensus that the concept proposed was one that made sense for FOSCR to support but that additional details would be required before FOSCR could commit to providing a specific amount of funds.
- **Action:** Mike to schedule a virtual meeting with Jordan Williams and other FOSCR members that are available to discuss the proposal in more detail. Peter Westfall to be a key participant.

5. Bluewater Anglers

- Mike confirmed that the Advertisement for Bluewater Anglers 2023 Salmon Derby Tabloid was finalized and submitted with the cost covered by the RAP Coordinator's project budget.

6. Update on Signs for River Shoreline

- Ken circulated 5 draft composite signs for preliminary review by members and advised that the final signs will be 91 cm x 61 cm (36 inches by 24 inches) in size.
- Five topics covered with the signs:
 - Binational Success Story
 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat/Populations
 - The St. Clair River: We are Well on the Way Towards Delisting
 - Safe Drinking Water
 - Making Space for Wildlife

- **Action:** Ken to email electronic versions of the signs to all members for review. Comments will be due January 15, 2023.

7. Mooretown Centennial Park Shoreline

- Craig explained that the shoreline area of Mooretown Centennial Park is in need of repair. It is a park that is used by the public and it would be more aesthetically pleasing if it was repaired.
- **Action:** Kris to contact St. Clair Township to see if the park is on their priority list for shoreline restoration work.
- **Action:** Mike to check with the SCRCA Water Department to see if it has been identified as a priority area.

8. Finances and Funding Update

- Terry shared the 2022 Scotiabank Record of all FOSCR cheques issued and funds deposited.
- Grant funding from MECP in the amount of \$10,000 was deposited on November 7, 2022.

Moved by: Peter Westfall

Seconded by: Kris Lee

That the FOSCR accept the financial report as presented by Terry Burrell.

CARRIED

9. 2023 Directors and Positions

- The members had a discussion over potential interest of others in taking over the role of Chair for FOSCR. There were no members interested in taking over the role.
- To minimize the time commitment required of the Chair position, it was suggested that the role of the Chair remain with Craig Griffiths but that the responsibility of Chairing each FOSCR meeting be shared amongst all members.

Moved by: Brenda Lorenz

Seconded by: John Timar

That Craig Griffiths continue to serve as the official Chair for FOSCR, that Ken Hall take on the role of Vice Chair, and that all FOSCR board members take turns chairing future regularly scheduled FOSCR meetings.

CARRIED

- It was agreed that Terry Burrell would remain as Treasurer and that the RAP Coordinator for the St. Clair River AOC (Mike Moroney) would remain as the Secretary.

10. 2023 Events

- Bluewater Anglers had previously invited FOSCR to attend a BWA meeting and make a presentation about FOSCR. Since it conflicted with the BUI Redesignation celebration in September 2022, it was suggested that FOSCR participate in a future meeting. Ken is expecting to be invited again, possibly in January 2023, and will keep members informed.
- **Action:** Mike to locate a presentation previously prepared for use by FOSCR and update it as required.
- Craig recommended that FOSCR look at opportunities to support Bluewater Anglers events in 2023:
 - Ice Fishing Derby
 - Hatchery Open House
 - Club Members Derby
 - Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby
 - Kids Training Day
 - Shoreline Clean-up
 - Family Fishing Derby
 - Walleye Derby

11. Other Business

- No other business

12. Next Meeting

- Likely early February 2023. Brenda Lorenz offered to be the Chair.
- If the next meeting after that occurs in April 2023, Peter Westfall offered to be the Chair.

13. Adjourn

Motion by: Terry Burrell

Seconded by: Peter Westfall

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.