



**FOSCR Meeting Minutes  
Annual General Meeting  
December 14, 2023  
Paddy Flaherty's, 130 Seaway Road, Sarnia**

**Attendees:**

Craig Griffiths, Kris Lee, Ken Hall, Brenda Lorenz, John Timar, Susan MacFarlane, Mike Moroney, Terry Burrell.

**Regrets:**

Gabriel Torres-Pulgarin, Vince Gagner, Peter Westfall

**Actions Arising:**

- a) Mike to see if Melissa Levi can attend the next FOSCR meeting to speak to the SCRCA education programs.
- b) Brenda to contact Donna Blue to discuss whether there are options for adult education programs.
- c) Ken to look into getting some packages for seeds for FOSCR SWAG, similar to the sunflower packages that are currently in supply but running low.
- d) Mike to consider ordering additional SWAG through outreach funds that are available under the RAP Program.
- e) Mike to follow-up with Gabriel to confirm that he is still interested in participating as a member of FOSCR.
- f) Ken to send the draft presentation for the Climate Action Sarnia-Lambton event to Brenda and Mike in early January 2024 for review and input.
- g) Mike to contact Melissa Wambui to inform her that she is welcome to attend the next FOSCR meeting.
- h) Mike to send out a Doodle Poll for a meeting towards the end of February 2024.

Meeting called to order by the Chair, Craig Griffiths at 7:07 pm.

**1. Introductions**

- No introductions necessary.

**2. Land acknowledgement**

- Craig read the land acknowledgement statement.

### 3. Review and approval of Minutes from July 27, 2023

**Moved by:** Kris Lee

**Seconded by:** Terry Burrell

That the Minutes of the July 27, 2023 meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Business out of the Minutes:

- a) Mike to see if Melissa Levi can attend the next FOSCR meeting to speak to the SCRCA education programs. **Pending.** Not able to be scheduled for the AGM meeting.
- b) Craig to check if there is a reporting requirement with respect to the management of the funds provided to FOSCR by MECP. **Completed.** Final reporting will be at the end of January 2024.
- c) Brenda to arrange to meet with City of Sarnia staff to discuss the option of spacing the signs apart rather than all in one location. **Completed.**
- d) Ken to proceed with ordering 14 blue posts for 14 signs. **Completed.**
- e) Terry to issue a cheque to Bluewater Custom Fabricating for 50% of the cost to manufacture the posts. **Completed.**
- f) Brenda and Ken to work together on a presentation for Climate Action Sarnia-Lambton and will decide on a date that works, either January 9th, February 13th, or March 12th. **Completed**
- g) Kris to follow-up on a potential opportunity for a local individual to produce a number of fishing lures for FOSCR. **Completed.** Not able to connect with the individual. No further action required.
- h) Mike to send out a Doodle Poll for a meeting in early October 2023. **Completed.** Could not be scheduled until December 2023 due to lack of a venue to meet.

### 5. Update on Manufacturing of Educational Signs - Ken

- All of the signs have been printed. ODS Printing Inc. was paid \$4,746 for printing of the signs.
- The posts are now being painted and once completed, the signs will be mounted onto the posts. The amount paid to Bluewater Custom Fabricating to date for manufacturing of the sign posts is \$5,260. The remaining amount (\$5,260) is owed once the posts have been completed.

### 6. Update on Placement of the Signs at Selected Locations – Mike, Brenda, Kris, Ken

- Mike and Brenda met with staff from the City of Sarnia at Centennial Park on December 4<sup>th</sup> and identified the 5 locations for each of the signs. A summary of the site meeting was provided in an email from Mike Moroney to FOSCR on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:02 am. FOSCR is waiting for confirmation that placement of the signs can proceed and if so, whether the signs can be stored at a municipal yard until installation can occur in Spring 2024.
- Mike and Brenda met with staff from the Village of Point Edward on December 5, 2023 and identified the 3 locations for each of the signs. A summary of the site

meeting was provided in an email from Mike Moroney to FOSCR on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:17 pm.

- St. Clair Township is supportive of installing the signs on behalf of FOSCR and is just waiting for an update on when the signs are ready.

#### **7. Funding for the SCRCA Education Program - Mike**

- A summary was provided of the information contained in the emails from Donna Blue, Manager, Communications with the SCRCA, dated August 2, 2023 and December 7, 2023. FOSCR previously provided \$5,000 to support the SCRCA's Phosphorus 101 and River RAP education programs. If FOSCR could support providing \$7,500 for 2024, it would allow for an additional 5 days of programming.
- **Moved by:** Brenda Lorenz  
**Seconded by:** Kris Lee  
That FOSCR provide \$7,500 to the SCRCA to support their 2024 education program.

#### **CARRIED**

- **Action:** Brenda to contact Donna Blue to discuss whether there are options for adult education programs also.

#### **8. Highlights from the Inaugural St. Clair River AOC Event – Mike**

- The event occurred on September 28, 2023 at Bogey's Inn and Venue in St. Clair Township. The event included an update on progress towards addressing the remaining BUIs and a presentation by Fisheries and Oceans Canada on invasive species in the Great Lakes. The event was attended by 37 individuals, which included the general public, members from Walpole Island First Nation and local media.
- Since Ken was unable to attend to speak to the presentation that he prepared on behalf of FOSCR, Brenda volunteered to do so, on Ken's behalf, and did a good job at speaking to the slides.
- Kris made a joint presentation with Paulette Duhaime, on behalf of BPAC, and also did a good job at speaking to the slides.
- The next event will need to focus on lining up presenters well in advance to allow for earlier notification to the community about the event.
- The events will continue to be held in September each year.
- The use of a hybrid approach will be considered for the next event so that people have the option of attending in person or on-line.
- Next year's meeting location will likely be closer to Sarnia for those that wish to attend in person and have limitations with respect to travel.
- A review of event evaluation forms indicated that most considered the event to be very good or excellent.

## 9. Update on WATCH Request for Funds - Kris

- Following up from WATCH's request for funding that was discussed at the July 27, 2023 meeting, additional information was provided on the status of the WATCH website. Following the launch and promotion of the new website, the number of hits on the website in October 2023 increased to 3,800. WATCH was asking for funds for on-going monitoring and maintenance of the website in the amount of \$25/month or \$300/year. WATCH would like to know if FOSCR would support providing WATCH with the \$300 to cover this one year of operating and maintenance costs.
- A motion was made to provide the \$300 to WATCH and it was seconded. A discussion ensued in which it was debated whether it was appropriate for FOSCR to provide the funds to WATCH.
- No decision was made as the motion did not go to a vote.

## 10. FOSCR Finances – Terry

- **Moved by:** Terry Burrell  
**Seconded by:** Brenda Lorenz  
That FOSCR accept the Bank Record as presented by Terry from Scotia Bank for the period from January 9, 2023 to December 14, 2023, and the Scotia Bank 2023 Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

**CARRIED**

## 11. FOSCR SWAG – Mike

- Mike showed the group examples of the SWAG that currently remains for promoting the FOSCR, and the St. Clair River Remedial Action Plan.
- Mike explained that the supplies are starting to run low with the exception of a few items and that there is a need to order more SWAG so that supplies don't run out in 2024.
- **Action:** Ken will look into getting some packages for seeds, similar to the sunflower packages that are currently in supply but running low.
- **Action:** Mike to consider ordering additional SWAG through outreach funds that are available under the RAP Program.

## 12. Confirmation of 2024 FOSCR Executive and Directors – All

- **Moved by:** Brenda Lorenz  
**Seconded by:** Susan MacFarlane  
That the Executive remain as follows:  
Craig Griffiths - Chair  
Ken Hall – Vice - Chair  
Terry Burrell - Treasurer  
Mike Moroney - Secretary

**CARRIED**

- **Action:** Mike to follow-up with Gabriel to confirm that he is still interested in participating as a member of FOSCR.

**13. Update on Presentation for Climate Action-Sarnia Lambton – Brenda/Ken**

- **Action:** Ken to send the draft presentation to Brenda and Mike in early January 2024 for review and input, in preparation for the Climate Action Sarnia-Lambton event on January 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Sarnia Downtown Library.

**14. Other Business**

- Mike explained the request that had been received by Melissa Wambui to become a member of FOSCR.
- **Action:** Mike to contact Melissa to inform her that she is welcome to attend that next FOSCR meeting.

**15. Next Meeting**

- Will be at the call of the Chair – likely towards the end of February 2024.
- **Action:** Mike to send out a Doodle Poll for a meeting towards the end of February 2024.

**16. Adjourn**

**Moved by:** Ken Hall

**Seconded by:** Susan MacFarlane

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

Adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.