



**FOSCR Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2024
Enbridge Regional Office - 1086 Modeland Road, Sarnia**

Attendees:

Ken Hall, Brenda Lorenz, Susan MacFarlane, Kris Lee, Mike Moroney, Jacqueline Marcoux

Regrets:

Craig Griffiths, Gabriel Torres-Pulgarin, Mellissa Wambui, Terry Burrell

Actions Arising from the Meeting:

- a) Ken to contact Bluewater Anglers to recommend that their funding request include the estimated cost for replacing their sign.
- b) Once Bluewater Anglers has submitted a formal request for funding, Mike is to schedule an MS Teams meeting with FOSCR to discuss the request.
- c) Mike to ask Craig if he would like to be the spokesperson for the FOSCR photo contest (anticipate the contest will run from August 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024).
- d) Ken to draft a News Release and promotional Flyer for the photo contest
- e) Mike to review and provide input on the News Release and Flyer and share it with FOSCR members for input.
- f) Mike to schedule an MS Teams meeting at the call of the Chair to discuss progress in planning for the photo contest.
- g) Brenda to speak to Mike Smalls about opportunities for community involvement in a planting project.
- h) Each FOSCR member is to identify an opportunity in which they can make a presentation in 2024 to promote FOSCR and restoration of the St. Clair River Area of Concern.
- i) Ken to share a copy of the presentation that was used for the Sarnia-Lambton Climate Change event with all FOSCR members.
- j) Mike to share a copy of Kris's presentation that was used for Lake Huron Coastal Centre's biennial conference in 2023.
- k) Brenda to contact Lambton Mall regarding the ability for FOSCR to set up a display booth for a Saturday afternoon.
- l) Ken to arrange for the information signs to be printed on 24"x36" display boards and on laminated 11" x 17" sheets for use at community events.

1. Introductions

- No introductions required.

2. Land Acknowledgment

- The land acknowledgment statement was read by Brenda.

3. Review and approval of Minutes from May 13, 2024

- **Moved by:** Susan MacFarlane
Seconded by: Brenda Lorenz
That the Minutes of the May 13, 2024 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. Business out of the May 13, 2024 Minutes:

- a) Mike to arrange a time to deliver swag, banners and hand-outs to Ken for the Bluewater Anglers Kids Training Day event. – **Completed.** Material was delivered to Ken. Ken was not able to attend and the material was subsequently returned to Mike.
- b) Jackie to provide her home address information to Mike to be included in the Annual Return that is filed with Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada. – **Completed.**
- c) Craig to contact Sheri Faust to check on her availability to speak to FOSCR at the next FOSCR (Canada) meeting. – **Pending**
- d) Mike to check with SCRCA staff on whether there are any opportunities to do plantings along the St. Clair River, either working through the local municipality or another party. Also, whether there is an opportunity to engage the public in the planting. – **Completed.**
- e) Craig to contact Mike Smalls to discuss potential opportunities for tree plantings that can involve the community. - **Pending**
- f) Brenda to contact the City of Sarnia about opportunities to hold events at the Sarnia Bay Point Lands. – **Pending.** Brenda is waiting for a call back from the City of Sarnia.
- g) Mike to check with SCRCA IT staff about setting up the FOSCR website to accommodate a photo contest. - **Completed**

5. Opportunities to Support Tree Planting Projects for 2024 (Mike)

- One of the options available for FOSCR to support is a tree planting at a private property that involves planting 500 trees as a wind break around a farm. The second option also involves a tree planting on a farm but the planting has already been completed. The third involves a Walpole Island tree planting project, and again the trees have already planted. The FOSCR members felt that neither of the projects appeared to be a good fit for FOSCR funding.
- **Action:** Brenda to speak to Mike Smalls about opportunities for community involvement in a planting project.

6. Request for FOSCR to Participate in Sombra Days Event – Saturday, July 6, 2024 (Mike)

- Brenda, Jackie and Mike will attend the event on July 6, 2024. Mike will provide display material, swag, and handouts.

7. Bluewater Anglers Request for Funding

- Bluewater Anglers will be submitting a formal request to FOSCR for funding.
- **Action:** Ken to contact Bluewater Anglers to recommend that their funding request include the estimated cost for replacing their sign.
- **Action:** Once Bluewater Anglers has submitted a formal request for funding, Mike is to schedule an MS Teams meeting with FOSCR to discuss the request.

8. Planning for Photo Event – Summer/Fall 2024 (All)

- There was discussion regarding what level of detail should be provided with each photograph that is submitted. If the required information is not submitted, the photograph will not be eligible for a prize.
- There was discussion about the categories that should be used for this year's contest. It was agreed that there should at least be a Youth category for under 18 years of age.
- Ken offered to be the spokesperson for FOSCR for the photo contest if Craig is not available.
- It was recommended that the contest start on August 1, 2024 and run until October 31, 2024. There was concurrence with this time frame.
- It was agreed that the contest this year should just be cash prizes.
- It was agreed that there should be a first, second and third prize for each category, with the maximum prize (First Prize) being a value of \$500.
- Since FOSCR does not have a Facebook page, the SCRCA will promote the event using its Facebook account.
- It was anticipated that there would be a cost with promoting the event through advertising. If so, such costs would have to be considered as part of the budget for the contest.
- There will be an event held by FOSCR at the end of the contest to announce the first, second and third place winners for each of the categories.
- A discussion was held as to how the photos would be judged.

Moved by: Susan MacFarlane

Seconded by: Jackie Marcoux

That members of the Friends of the St. Clair River be the ones that judge the photos that are submitted.

CARRIED

- **Action:** Mike to contact Craig to determine if he is able to be the spokesperson for the FOSCR photo contest.
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- **Action:** Mike to review and provide input on the News Release and Flyer and share it with FOSCR members for input.

- **Action:** Mike to schedule an MS Teams meeting at the call of the Chair to discuss progress in planning for the photo contest.

9. Additional Ideas for FOSCR Program Deliverables in 2024 (All)

- There was a discussion about members being more active in terms of conducting public outreach and that if each member can commit to doing at least one presentation to a community group, it would be very beneficial in terms of promoting the work of the FOSCR.
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10. Next Meeting

- Next meeting is to be held in late June or early July 2024, primarily focusing on the photo contest.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.