



FOSCR Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 30, 2024
Enbridge Regional Office, 1086 Modeland Road, Sarnia

Attendees:

Brenda Lorenz, Craig Griffiths, Gabriel Torres-Pulgarin, Jacqueline Marcoux, Ken Hall, Mike Moroney, Susan MacFarlane, Terry Burrell

Regrets:

Kris Lee, Mellissa Wambui

Actions Arising:

- a) Brenda to speak to Mike Smalls about opportunities for community involvement in a planting project.
- b) 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.
- c) Terry to contact Myra to confirm if she is interested in being an advisor to the photo review committee.
- d) After November 1, 2024, Mike is to upload all photo contest images to a SharePoint site for access by the photo review committee, and is to upload the images to the FOSCR public website for viewing.
- e) The photo review committee is to select the winning photos by November 22, 2024 and are to inform Mike who the first, second and third place winners are in each of the three categories.
- f) The photo review committee is to identify a location for the contest winners to attend for a photo opportunity. It is to be on the same evening as the next FOSCR Annual General Meeting.
- g) Mike is to notify the contest winners and is to confirm who will be able to attend the location for a photo opportunity with FOSCR board members.
- h) Mike is to include an agenda item at the next FOSCR meeting to make a decision on this request for funding.
- i) Mike is to contact Bluewater Anglers to inform them that FOSCR is interested in placing an Ad in the Salmon Derby Tabloid. Mike is to work with Donna Blue in updating the Ad that was submitted in December 2023.
- j) Craig to inform Ted Briggs if any adjustments to the Detailed Project Summary are required before the Transfer Payment Agreement is signed.

- k) Mike to re-send his email to Brenda that was previously sent to the City of Sarnia regarding the locations for placement of each of the signs in Centennial Park. Brenda will follow-up with the City of Sarnia for an update.
- l) Mike to recommend a location for the Annual General Meeting that is suitable for both a dinner and board meeting afterwards.

1. Introductions

No introductions were required.

2. Land Acknowledgment

- Craig read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 24 and July 25, 2024

- **Moved by:** Susan MacFarlane
Seconded by: Terry Burrell
That the Minutes of the June 24, 2024 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

- **Moved by:** Terry Burrell
Seconded by: Ken Hall
That the Minutes of the July 25, 2024 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. Business out of the Previous Minutes:

- a) Ken to contact Bluewater Anglers to recommend that their funding request include the estimated cost for replacing their sign. **Completed**
- 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. **Completed**
- 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). **Completed.** Note: Ken volunteered to be the spokesperson.
- d) Ken to draft a News Release and promotional Flyer for the photo contest. **Completed.** Note: Ken drafted the flyer and contest rules. SCRCA drafted the news release.
- e) Mike to review and provide input on the News Release and Flyer and share it with FOSCR members for input. **Completed**
- f) Mike to schedule an MS Teams meeting at the call of the Chair to discuss progress in planning for the photo contest. **Completed**
- g) Brenda to speak to Mike Smalls about opportunities for community involvement in a planting project. **Pending**

- 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. **Included as an agenda item**
- i) Ken to share a copy of the presentation that was used for the Sarnia-Lambton Climate Change event with all FOSCR members. **Completed**
- j) Mike to share a copy of Kris's presentation that was used for Lake Huron Coastal Centre's biennial conference in 2023. **Completed**
- k) Brenda to contact Lambton Mall regarding the ability for FOSCR to set up a display booth for a Saturday afternoon. **Completed**
- 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. **Pending**

5. Update on Photo Contest and Next Steps (Ken and Mike)

- Brenda, Craig and Jackie offered to be the members of the photo review committee. There was consensus with that approach.
- Terry suggested that the review committee consider asking Myra Spiller with the SCRCA Education Department if she would be interested in supporting the review of the photos as an advisor, given her expertise in that area.
- **Action:** Terry to contact Myra to confirm if she is interested in being an advisor to the photo review committee.
- **Action:** After November 1, 2024, Mike is to upload all the photos submitted on a SharePoint site for access by the photo review committee, and is to upload them to the FOSCR public website for viewing.
- **Action:** The photo review committee is to select the winning photos by November 22, 2024 and are to inform Mike who the winners are.
- **Action:** The photo review committee is to identify a location for the contest winners to attend for a photo opportunity. It is to be on the same evening as the next FOSCR Annual General Meeting.
- **Action:** Mike is to notify the contest winners and is to confirm who will be able to attend the location for a photo opportunity with FOSCR board members.

6. Request from SCRCA for Funding for 2024/2025 Phosphorus 101 and River RAP Education Programs (Craig)

- Mike referenced an e-mail dated October 16, 2024 from Donna Blue with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority regarding confirmation as to whether or not FOSCR would once again like to sponsor the conservation authority education programs for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Both Mike and Terry declared a conflict of interest with respect to this request.
- Before a motion was put forward on whether or not to agree to provide funding for another year, some members asked for an opportunity to first review the annual report that was previously submitted to Craig by the conservation authority.

- **Action:** Mike is to include an agenda item at the next FOSCR meeting to decide on this request for funding.

7. Annual Bluewater Anglers Request for FOSCR Support with Salmon Derby (Mike)

- Mike mentioned that he had received a call from Bluewater Anglers asking if FOSCR was interested in placing an Ad in the Salmon Derby Tabloid this year.
- The cost was expected to be \$500.00. The Ad that was used last year would need to have the image updated to reflect the status of the beneficial use impairments.
- **Moved by:** Terry Burrell
Seconded by: Brenda Lozon

That the FOSCR place an Ad in the Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby Tabloid at a cost of \$500.

CARRIED

- **Action:** Mike is to contact Bluewater Anglers to inform them that FOSCR is interested in placing an Ad.
- **Action:** Mike is to work with Donna Blue in updating the Ad that was submitted in December 2023.

8. Update on Status of Funding Under MECP Great Lakes Program (Craig)

- Craig informed members that he had received an e-mail from Ted Briggs of MECP confirming that FOSCR had received Great Lakes Funding based on the workplan that was submitted. The amount being provided is \$50,000 which is to cover the next two fiscal years, ending in March 2026. Ted is currently working on a Transfer Payment Agreement that will need to be signed by the FOSCR.
- **Action:** Craig to inform Ted if any adjustments to the Detailed Project Summary are required before the Transfer Payment Agreement is signed.

9. FOSCR Bank Record – 2024 (Terry)

- Terry tabled the FOSCR bank record for 2024 from Scotiabank covering the period from January 8 to October 7, 2024.
- **Moved by:** Terry Burrell
Seconded by: Susan MacFarlane

That the Bank Record be accepted by the FOSCR.

CARRIED

10. Status of Board Member Speaking Engagements (All)

- Everyone was asked to provide an update on their efforts to make community presentations about FOSCR and progress in restoring the St. Clair River.

- Ken had presented at the Industrial Education Cooperative, Kris and Jackie presented at the St. Clair River Evening on September 26, 2024, and Brenda had presented on at least 4 previous occasions.
- It was suggested that members look for opportunities to present to Lambton County Council, local municipalities, and other organizations to speak about the work of the FOSCR.

11. Other Business (All)

- Lambton County Science Fair – if volunteers are required to help with judging the entries, some FOSCR members expressed interest in participating.
- Status of the Signs – St. Clair Township has erected the signs at Courtright and Guthrie Park. The City of Sarnia is still working on placement of the signs in Centennial Park. **Action:** Mike to re-send his email to Brenda that was previously sent to the City of Sarnia regarding the locations for placement of each of the signs in Centennial Park. Brenda will follow-up with the City of Sarnia for an update.

12. Next Meeting (Craig)

- The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting for FOSCR. **Action:** Mike to recommend a location for the next meeting that is suitable for both a dinner and board meeting afterwards.

13. Adjourn

Moved by: Susan MacFarlane

Seconded by: Jackie Marcoux

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.