



**FOSCR Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 9, 2024  
Waggs Steak & Seafood Restaurant, 420 Christina St N, Sarnia**

**Attendees:**

Brenda Lorenz, Craig Griffiths, Jacqueline Marcoux, Ken Hall, Kris Lee, Mike Moroney, Susan MacFarlane, Terry Burrell

**Regrets:**

Mellissa Wambui, Gabriel Torres-Pulgarin

**Actions Arising:**

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| a) Include an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss staffing a display at Lambton Mall in Sarnia. |
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**1. Introductions**

- No introductions were required.

**2. Land Acknowledgment**

- Craig read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes from October 30, 2024**

- Acceptance of the minutes from the October 30, 2024 meeting was implied after the board members reviewed each of the action items listed in the minutes.

**4. Business out of the Previous Minutes:**

- a) Brenda to speak to Mike Smalls about opportunities for community involvement in a planting project. **Completed.** Just need to find a project location.
- 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. **Completed.**
- c) Terry to contact Myra to confirm if she is interested in being an advisor to the photo review committee. **Completed.**
- 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. **Completed.**
- 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. **Completed.**

- 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. **Completed.**
- 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. **Completed.**
- h) Mike is to include an agenda item at the next FOSCR meeting to make a decision on this request for funding. **Completed.**
- 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. **Completed.**
- j) Craig to inform Ted Briggs if any adjustments to the Detailed Project Summary are required before the Transfer Payment Agreement is signed. **Completed.**
- 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. **Completed.**
- l) Mike to recommend a location for the Annual General Meeting that is suitable for both a dinner and board meeting afterwards. **Completed.**

**5. Photo Contest – Wrap-up (Mike)**

- An awards ceremony was held at the Sarnia Library on December 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to recognize the winners of the photo contest. Cash prizes were provided to the first, second and third place winners. The names of the winners and their photos will be posted to the FOSCR website.

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

- **Moved by:** Ken Hall  
**Seconded by:** Brenda Lorenz

That the FOSCR provide \$7,500 to the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority to support their 2024/2025 Phosphorus 101 and River RAP Education Programs.

**CARRIED**

**7. Confirmation of 2024 FOSCR Executive and Directors (All)**

- Craig advised that he is stepping down from the position of Chair of the FOSCR Board of Directors.
- **Moved by:** Terry Burrell  
**Seconded by:** Susan MacFarlane

That Brenda Lorenz be appointed as the new Chair of the FOSCR Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

- **Moved by:** Terry Burrell

**Seconded by:** Susan MacFarlane

That Ken Hall continues in the position of Vice-Chair of the FOSCR Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

- **Moved by:** Susan MacFarlane  
**Seconded by:** Ken Hall

That Terry Burrell continues in the position of Treasurer of the FOSCR Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

## **8. Other Business (All)**

### **Presentations**

- Ken is exploring opportunities to make a presentation to BASES on the status of efforts to restore the St. Clair River.
- Brenda is looking into the possibility of being able to make a presentation at the Strangway Community Centre in Sarnia.

### **FOSCR Display at Lambton Mall**

- **Action:** More thought will need to be given to a proposal for a display at Lambton Mall. In early 2025, FOSCR will need to determine the dates and times and who is available. The sign boards that Ken created will be available to be used for that event.

### **Responding to Emails Submitted Through FOSCR Site**

- Mike mentioned that there have been several emails received recently from individuals asking if FOSCR is the right contact for seeking support in addressing an environmental concern in the watershed.
- **Decision:** There was consensus amongst board members that Mike continue to recommend that individuals contact the appropriate regulatory agency on such matters, and if uncertain as to the appropriate response, is to share the email with board members and seek advice.

## **9. Next Meeting (Brenda)**

- Aim for February 2025 for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.