

# Record of Proceedings - Meeting Minutes Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

Meeting Date: March 12, 2007	Recorded by: E. McIntyre
Meeting Location: Township of the Archipelago	Status: Draft
<p style="font-size: small;">Caveat: Unless statements are in quotations, they have been paraphrased to express the intent of remarks made by individuals to whom they are attributed. For brevity, only discussion and comments of a significant nature as well as 'action items' arising from discussion are included herein. These minutes represent a true and accurate summary of proceedings to the best ability of the recorder.</p>	

Full Member	Pres.	Abs.	Full Member	Pres.	Abs.
Deb Ratushniak	x		Bill McRobb	x	
Peter Agnello		x	Eric McIntyre	x	
Dave Bulger	x		Doug Wright	x	
Terry Crawford, Pres.	x		Mike Palmer		x
Ray Hachigian	x		Karl Schiefer		x
Greg Mason		x	Graham Poole		x
Leah Salt		x	Gerry Haarmeyer	x	
Guests			Guests		

- Handout provided to Council members included:
- Package of products produced by partner GBBR Species-At-Risk project: brochure, Snakes & Turtles of Ontario Identifiers, E. Massassauga Rattlesnake fact sheet
  - Proof copy of EGBSC 2007 Annual Report
  - Phase II Socio-economic documentation: Teleconference meeting minutes (Feb. 14 & Feb. 29) and Phase II High Level Scoping Document (Feb. 22/08)
  - Financial report including committed funds
  - Revised 2008 Work Plan
  - Draft guidelines – R. Ouellette Scholarship Award

*Regret to advise Council that Peter Agnello and Mike Palmer are absent due to health reasons. Our thoughts are with them and we wish them a speedy recovery.*

## 1.0 Review / approval February 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes:

Action items from Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> minutes:

- **Action:** Karl to secure invitation to annual GBA meeting (*Deferred – Karl absent*) (**Action: Eric to e-mail Karl to ensure invitation secured.**) Done.
- **Action:** Eric to investigate cost of pocket folders and canvas bags re handouts at public meetings. (Done – see item 8.2)
- **Action:** Deb to revise logo and enhance 2007 Update. (Done – and nice job!)
- **Action:** Ray to continue to look into how American donations to be handled in fundraising campaign. (See item 2.1.1)

- **Action: Eric to send AOFRC copy of Moon River Spawning Bed Enhancement proposal.** (Not done. AOFRC is an organization specifically intended to serve members of the 'Union of Ontario Indians.' This includes Wasauksing – but not Wahta or Moose Deer Point. It would be Wasauksing's prerogative whether or not to request assistance or comment from AOFRC.)
- **Action: Eric to extend invitation to Killarney representative to attend next meeting.** (Done)
- **Action: Next financial report to indicated committed funds.** (Done; see item 3.0)
- **Action: Eric to contact UGLMU re data collected by AOFRC related to a NSCIN survey conducted in the Britt area a couple of years ago.** (Done; data received)
- **Action: Eric to contact Wendy Cooper (GBLT) to scope out possible EGBSC involvement with Sandy Island stewardship plan.** (Not done – see item 5.1)
- **Action: Subcommittee to formulate guidelines/criteria for Rino Ouellette memorial scholarship award.** (Done; copy in Council handout and see item 7.0)

Minutes accepted.

## 2.0 Updates

### 2.1 'Spawning Habitat Rehabilitation Project'

2.1.1 Fundraising: 5000 fundraising brochures have arrived; copies distributed to members

- **Action: Eric in consultation with Ray, to formulate wording for "American Donors" tab – to be posted on our website before April 1.**

2.1.2 *Fish Habitat Enhancement and Rehabilitation – a Program Outline and Listing of potential Projects Report*

- Comments received from Karl and incorporated into revised document. No other comments received. Document approve for posting on our website.
- **Action: Eric to forward copy to Deb for posting.**

2.2 Moon River Spawning Bed Enhancement Project:

- Public notification period now expired (Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>)
- 2 comments received: OFAH – gave an unqualified endorsement of the project; District of Muskoka provided comments relating to natural heritage values present at the proposed work site
- Revised project description (called Project Evaluation in EA process – Step 3) now underway
- MNR Conference call on March 10<sup>th</sup>, agreed to proceed with project by way of "Request For Proposal." Terms and specifications need to be written up for bidders to submit an RFP. This is the next critical task in the process.
- **Resolution: Council approves hiring an engineering consultant to formulate construction drawings, specifications and tender package.**

## 2.3 Geo. Bay Biosphere Reserve – Partner projects:

### **Project #1: Species at Risk outreach & education project**

- Project complete. Products produced: SAR brochure, SAR poster, DVD – Working in Massassauga Habitat, E. Massassauga Fact Sheet, Turtle & Snake ID flyers.
- Sample of some of above provided in handout.
- Application has been made to OMNR SAR stewardship fund and Env. Can. Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) to continue this project. Still awaiting word.

### **Project #2: ‘Pilot Project’ – Lake Huron Framework for Community Action**

- Planning re annual meeting with partners/stakeholders underway. Meeting scheduled for March 19, 2008. Invitation extended to Councillors to attend if they wish.

### **E-mail update from Greg:**

- GBBR looking at developing a stewardship manual for GB coast and inland lakes; an ideal product for French River Water Quality Stewardship Council. (Eric: Exactly the type of project our Council would like to partner with.)
- FedNor intern starting April 1; opportunity for intern to dovetail with EGBSC projects.
- Water festival planned or June. (Eric: Again – a great project for us to partner with.)
- Possible Parry Sound may host 2008 Youth Summit. (Also an excellent project for us to be a supporting partner.)
- Awaiting work on SAR project funding; next phase would be more outreach than product development (accomplished in 1<sup>st</sup> phase just completed).
- SAR updates made to GBBR website.

## 2.4 2007 Annual Report

- Proof copy of Annual Report circulated for Council's review
- Cost: \$8.20 per copy + 160 (design) + taxes
- 10 copies = \$275 / 20 copies = \$333 / 30 copies = \$460 / 40 copies = \$550
- Corrections Noted:
  - Pg. 4 – for Terry Crawford and Deb Ratuszniak – delete liaison with “Georgian Bay Bassmasters Assn.” – organization no longer exists
  - Page 1 Table of Contents – All cited page numbers need to be reduced by 2.
- **Resolution: Eric to forward electronic copy of report to Deb who will in turn see if she can get copies made at a much reduced rate.**
- **Action (Deb): Please make changes to final copy as noted above.**

## 2.5 Socio-Economic Study:

- (Re) Start-up conference call convened on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>; followed by preliminary project outline (vision, mission, deliverables) on Feb 22; followed by telecom on Feb. 29 (documentation of foregoing provided to Council in handout)
- Precis of above:
  - Identified need for MNR corporate support to actually utilize a Decision Support Model produced through this initiative. This position not unanimous amongst steering committee members.
  - Study meant to complement MNR decision making process.
  - Need for a lead agency for funding applications (possibilities: GBBR, Rainbow Country Tourism, OFAH)

- Need for an intern to coordinate the project. Which do we get first: the intern or the funding? Consensus to get the intern to seek the funding and to continue to push the project forward.
- Keen interest in the possibility of having an academic institution (university) complete Phase II.
- Need for Terms of Reference
- Consensus to retain current study area
- Consensus to include Ivan Filion (former Dean of Cambrian College) and Donna McLean of Rainbow Country Tourism on the steering committee if they agree.
- Consensus we need an intern – can apply to Fed-Nor or NOHF for funding.
- A lead partner has yet to be selected for the project.
- Next telecom call scheduled for March 20

### 3. Financial Report

- Financial report in Council handout

### 4. 2007 Bayfield and Nares Inlet NSCIN Report

- Report completed and previously circulated to Council via e-mail
- Revision comments from Arunas Liskauskas have been incorporated into the latest edition.
- **Action: Eric to forward report to Deb for posting on our website. Eric to distribute had copy to project partners.**

### 5. Work Planning - 2008

#### 5.1 Revisions to work plan:

- Revised work plan prepared and distributed in handout (Layout basically follows the format required for project entry into MNR's corporate program – CIPS)
- Only significant change from previous rendition – Participation in Sandy Island Stewardship Plan has been deleted due to failure of sale to proceed. If situation changes – it will be added back in.
- ESTN survey location – still awaiting direction from UGLMU
- Deleted Adopt-A-Pond initiative with PS Nature Club (lack of interest due to logistical complications)
- Almaguin Fish Improvement Association (AFIA) project for walleye egg collection, culture and stocking – under review by MNR and in doubt whether or not project will proceed.
  - **Action: Eric to invite Steve Scholten (PS District Fisheries Bio) and Rob Viejou (PS Area Supervisor) to next meeting to discuss above topic.**
- **Action: Eric to add French River Water Quality Stewardship Council initiative into our work plan**

#### 5.1 Planning / Meeting EA Requirements for next spawning bed rehabilitation project: Where do we go next?

- Discussion:

- Awaiting input from UGLMU re enhancement at Severn River for 2009.
- Topic needs further consultation with UGLMU and discussion at a future meeting.

## 6. French River Water Quality Stewardship Council (FRWQSC)

- Matter re letter of request for donation of \$2.5k deferred to March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Discussion:
  - A highly worthy and laudable initiative that deserves our financial support
  - Would like to give the requested \$2.5k – but that is a large portion of our annual allotment of seed money.
  - **Resolution: We donate \$2.5k to the FRWQSC as requested, but pay in two annual instalments of \$1,250.**
  - **Action: Eric to contact Joe Dippong and make arrangements for transfer of funds.**
- Related Discussion arising: Do we need a policy on how we handle requests for donations?
  - Consensus, for the time being, that we continue to evaluate requests on an ad-hoc basis as they arise.
  - Action: Eric to draft a clause to this effect for inclusion in our operating guidelines.
- Related Discussion arising: Not only should we financially support the FRWQSC initiative, but we should seek to be a partner in the program.
  - Consensus to incorporate project into our 2008 work plan.

## 7.0 Rino Ouellete Stewardship Award

- Draft Guidelines/Criteria circulated to Council in handout
- Graham Poole agreed to act as liaison between PS high school and the EGBSC with respect to administration of the scholarship.
- **Action: Doug Wright to check with Moira Ouellette – 1. That images present in our 2007 Annual Report related to this matter meet with her approval. 2. Inquire if Moira would consider presenting the award at the PS high school graduation ceremonies.**

## 8.0 Business Arising

8.1 Request of \$550. from Jim McMullen for sanctuary signs.

- Discussion –
  - for and against giving money to MNR for something that should clearly be in their operational budget.
  - **EGBSC Resolution: "That Council provide \$550 in funding for the purchase of fish sanctuary signs as requested by Jim McMullen, contingent upon: 1. The contribution be recognized by placing "Funded by" then the logo of the EGBSC on the bottom on the signs; and 2. Jim to contact Bill McRobb for consultation with respect to supplier."**

8.2 Welsh Marketing: Cost of tote bags: \$1.50 ea. + silk screen costs for logo.  
Tranfers Office: Cost of 'pocket folders' – 60 cents ea.

- **Action: Eric to place order for 100 tote bags**

8.3 Venue for next meeting

- On a trial basis, next meeting to be held at MNR office.

**9. Date for Next Meeting: .**

- April 9