

Record of Proceedings - Meeting Minutes Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

Meeting Date: Sat. Jan. 16, 2010

Recorded by: E. McIntyre

Meeting Location: OMNR Parry Sound Dist. Boardroom

Status: Approved (Feb. 24/10)

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Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.	Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.
John Bell	x			Bill McRobb	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		Gerry Haarmeyer	x		
John Crawford				Glenda Clayton		x	

Guest: Brian Emery

Handouts provided to Council members included:

- E-mailed before hand:
 - Documents below (except financial report) were e-mailed to members
- Distributed at Meeting:
 - Moon R – (Draft) Discussion Summary; (Draft) Decision Matrix; (Draft) Revised lake Muskoka TOL for spring period
 - 2009 Update / 2009 Annual Report
 - 2010/11 COA submission summary
 - GB Coastal Trail Feasibility Study summary
 - Financial report
 - Draft Working document – 2010 Work Plan
 - Council by-laws

1.0 Guest Introductions & Welcome – Brian Emery. Brian is the new representative put forth by the Parry Sound Anglers & Hunters.

2.0 Review Sept. 23rd Minutes/Action Items:

Resolution: Council accepts the recommendations proposed by the Moon River Flow Sub-committee as contained in the document: *Recommendations to the MNR Re Moon River Water Flow Regime During the Walleye Spawning and Incubation Periods (Dated Nov. 20/09)* and resolves to proceed with formally submitting them to MNR management staff. (Done – Sent Dec. 4/09. To be discussed in agenda item 3.2)

Action: Eric to prepare COA project submissions as per above discussion and circulate to Council for final amendments before sending off to UGLMU. (Done; COA submission sent to Andy McKee, Lake Huron COA coordinator. To be discussed under item 3.5)

Action: Eric to bring thank-you card to next meeting for all to sign

Action: Eric to contact Parry Sound Anglers & Hunter and request replacement nomination. (Supplemental: This was done Dec. 3 prior to their planned meeting later in the evening.)

Motion by Ray; 2nd by Dave to accept Minutes; carried.

3.0 Updates:

3.1 Go Home Bay Walleye Rehabilitation (Re-introduction) Project

- Second component will be re-introductory walleye plantings; – Environmental Assessment to be completed this winter with the anticipation that plantings will commence in 2010 for a 3-4 year period
- Project Description Report and EA Screening Report (combined) with recommendation to class project as a Category A has been sent to Rob Viejou, PS Area Supervisor for approval.
- Currently under review.
- **Action: There is a need for signage to inform cottagers not to relocate the rock.**

3.2 Moon River Flow Regime – Sub-committee Report:

- Recommendations sent to OMNR water control staff (T. Griffin / D. MacPherson / S. Taylor) Dec. 4/09. Reminder sent Jan. 4/10
- Internal MNR meeting held Jan. 11/10
- (Draft) MNR Discussion Summary; (Draft) revised Decision Matrix and (Draft) revised Lake Muskoka TOL for spring period – included in handouts

- **Action: Eric to determine when MRWMP is up for review**
- **Action: Council to monitor flow during spring-freshet for compliance with proposed flow curve.**
- **Action: Eric to formulate reply to MNR**
 - **thanks for their positive response to the issues;**
 - **looking forward to MNR's formal position**
 - (Supplemental: Letter formulated Feb. 2/10)

3.3 Economic/Fisheries Revitalization Initiative:

COA Application 2011/2012

- We have applied for \$75K each year for this project. This amount is consistent with our hoped for MNR contribution towards the project
- Information e-mail sent Jan. 4th on progress of initiative with AOFRC. Currently awaiting whether or not AOFRC wishes to be a co-lead on this project. Most

recent indication is they work on projects brought forward by their members – not outside groups such as ours. Ivan is continuing to pursue discussions with the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) in this matter.

- MASC have been advised they were successful in securing \$7.5k from OS Opportunity Fund for project coordinator in 2010

3.4 2009 Annual Report

- Draft copy sent to members Dec. 16th
- Final copy posted on our website Jan. 5th
- 2009 Update also prepared for public distribution
- Hard copy of report sent to 19 stakeholder / interest / partner groups; electronic copies sent to 9 (sent Jan. 6th)

Discussion: Add Kapikog kids-day and Cognashene Community Enviro-day to report.

3.5 COA –

- Work Plan sent to Andy McKee (Lake Huron COA coordinator) Dec. 22
- Project 1: Rehabilitative walleye plantings for E. Geo. Bay (purchase summer fingerlings for stocking at Moon R. / Go Home Bay and maybe Tadenac Bay; \$15k in 2010 and 15k for 2011
- Project 2: Economic Fisheries Revitalization Initiative – Project Coordinator / \$75k in 2010 and 75k in 2011
- Project 3: Fishing Regulation Stickers – \$6k in 2020
- Project 4: Walleye Spawning Habitat Enhancement - \$30k in 2011; we will have to decide on where to conduct our next project in 2010 and complete EA requirements.
- Project 5: ESTN (trapnetting) Fish Community Assessment at Wah-Wah-Taysee in 2010 and Go Home Bay in 2011; \$1k in 2010 and 1k in 2011
- Project 6: Invasive Species Awareness (partnership with OFAH); \$8k in 2010 and 8k in 2011
- Project 7: Support water quality monitoring by partners (esp. FRSC); \$10k in 2010 and 10k in 2011
- Project 8: Muskoka Lakes/River Water Management Open House; \$1k in 2010
- Project 9: Youth Education and Awareness (esp. with GBBR); \$15k in 2010 and 15k in 2011
- Project 10: State of the resource monitoring (creel and netting assessment surveys); \$78k in 2010 and \$78k in 2011

3.6 Georgian Bay Coastal Trail Update:

- Written update provided by Kirsten Spence and included in handout
- \$1.5k donation from EGBSC now due
- **Action: Eric to make payment and request copy of feasibility study once complete**

4.0 Financial Report

- Financial statement presented to Council. Accepted.
 - MNR – (Leslie Joynt, Native Liaison Officer) has requests we ‘park’ (i.e. funds held in trust for) \$5k with our Council for stewardship activities with Shawanaga First Nation in 2011.
 - Eric recommends the adoption of a calendar year as our fiscal year. No objection amongst members. **Action: Dave Bulger and John Crawford to act as trustees to review 2009 financial statement. Eric to contact them and set up mutually agreeable time for their review.**
- 4.1 The cooperative agreement between the EGBSC and GB Land Trust has run its two-year course. Discussion ensued on how to continue fund-raising efforts and be able to provide a tax-deductible receipt to donors. Karl suggested we approach Georgian Bay Forever as they are a good strategic fit for this purpose; also consider renewing our agreement with the GBLT.
- 4.2 We have verbal commitments from the Pennsylvania Club and the Iron City Club for donations, but none received. **Action: Eric to contact them in this regard.**

5.0 Business Arising / New Business

5.1 2010 Work Plan

- The work plan will be greatly influenced by the success (or lack thereof) of our COA applications. Nonetheless, we need to begin scoping out what we will be doing in 2010
- Draft working document for work plan in Council handouts

5.2 Review of Council By-Laws / Executive elections

- Executive by acclamation: Chair – Terry Crawford; Co-chair – Bill McRobb; Treasurer – Ray Hachigian; Secretary – Eric McIntyre
- Trustees: Dave Bulger and John Crawford

5.3 How to handle requests for donations:

Ray – ‘Do we want to deal with requests for donations on an ad-hoc basis or put them into a ‘jar’ and deal with them on a semi-annual basis?’

Discussion:

- Ranged from being overly-bureaucratic to having a consistent and precise method of dealing with requests.

Action:

- All requests to be made in writing
- Eric to draft a request form
- Requests to be reviewed by Council 3 times a year
- Incorporate foregoing in by-laws

7.0 Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 24th

Reminder: Invite Joe Dipong to next meeting as per request on his behalf by Mike Palmer at our Dec. 2nd meeting (Item 5.7).

Reminder: Future agendas to indicate “Closed In-camera Session”.