

Record of Proceedings - Meeting Minutes Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

Meeting Date: Wed. June 16, 2010

Recorded by: E. McIntyre

Meeting Location: OMNR Parry Sound Dist. Boardroom

Status: Approved – Aug. 4/10 meeting

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.

Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.	Full Member	Pres.	Regrets	Abs.
John Bell	x			Bill McRobb	x		
Brian Emery	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	x			Glenda Clayton		x	

Guests: Doug Mortson and Darren Bonenberg

Handouts provided to Council members included:

- E-mail (MacPherson to McIntyre; June 14) re background data relating to 2010 Muskoka River spring freshet
- Financial report
- OS Council Review process (power-point handout)

1.0 Guest Introductions & Welcome – Darren Bonenberg; Doug Mortson

2.0 Review May 5, 2010 Minutes/Action Items:

- 2.1 • **Action: We should invite MNR manager to one of our future meetings. (From Item 3.1 of May 5 minutes)** Not done for June 16th meeting.
- 2.2 • **Action: (Eric) to request post-freshet de-briefing conference call.** (Done. Call held June 16)
- 2.3 • **Action: (Eric) Advise Wally Johnson if Moon River pond is prepared for walleye culture in the future we will make fry available.** (Done)
- 2.4 • **Action: Eric to send Terms of Reference for FMZ-14 Council to Greg Mason** (Done)
- 2.5 • **Action: Eric to order 10,000 fish stickers.** (Done. Stickers have been received:

250 to GBA; 1500 to Manitoulin SC. We have received a \$500 contribution from GBA; \$500 from Twp Archipelago and \$1000 from MASC)

- 2.6 • **Resolution: We contribute \$1k to White Squall SOD project as a supporting partner in the project. Motion by Gerry; Second by Mike; carried.** (Done)
- 2.7 • **Action: Eric to arrange for Council members (John Bell & Greg Mason) to confer with Chiefs of Wahta and Wasauksing FN.** (Postponed pending discussions with MNR – June 24.)
- 2.8 • **Action: Minutes not to be released to Associate members until they are approved.** (Done)

Motion by Mike Palmer to accept the minutes of May 5, 2010; second by Bill McRobb; carried.

3.0 Updates:

3.1 2010 Lake Stewardship Workshop

- Parry Sound Curling Club booked for July 29; Curling club will also cater a light lunch
- Confirmed speakers: Dr. David Pearson – keynote speaker (Professor, Dept. Earth Sciences – Laurentian University; Kenton Otterbein (Killbear Naturalist) / Glenda Clayton (EGBSC & PS Nature Club); Francine MacDonald (OFAH); John Midwood (McMaster University & GB Forever)
- Invitations have gone out. Muted response thus far – 22 positive responses.

Action: Eric to extend invitation to: Muskoka Lakes Associations, Parry Sound Muskoka-Parry Sound Stewardship Council members, Gloucester Pool Association and Severn River Property Owners Association.

3.2 FMZ-14 Meeting June 12

- Karl and Eric attended on behalf of the EGBSC
- Largely an information dissemination meeting relating to presentations given at the annual Great Lakes Fishery Commission Meeting

3.3 Meetings Attended

- Terry & Eric attended GBLT partners appreciation dinner – June 15
- Eric attended Moose-Deer Pt Env. Protection Group meeting – May 7
- GBBR Water Festival – May 21; Eric attended and spoke glowingly of excellent awareness/education messages and participation by grade and high school students
- 2010 Freshwater Summit scheduled for June 1 & 2 in Bracebridge
 - Glenda attended on behalf of EGBSC (Report read as per e-mail – Clayton to McIntyre; June 10)

3.4 Carved Fish Donation (from Dick Gibbins)

- Donation received
- Action: (Eric) Proceed with silent auction at PS Canadian Tire store

- Set a reserve bid of \$100
- Make promotional sign bigger
- Make cash box larger and more secure to protect against theft; Action: John Crawford to investigate re cash boxes available at Tim Horton's

3.5 Moon River Flow Committee

- Water management on Lake Muskoka and downstream was pretty much in accordance with rule curve and operating plan. Flow volumes were way down this year due to exceptionally dry spring.
- Debriefing conference call held this morning was a good harbinger of positive and constructive communication. Admittedly, this was a dry spring with little opportunity for flow manipulations beyond guaranteed minimums.

Discussion:

- We need to improve and increase communication between MNR and Council – particularly Bill McRobb, before alterations are made to the flow regime
- Bill to notify MNR when walleye are in spawning, approximate peak of spawning activity, when egg hatch takes place (in hatchery) and if any sturgeon are sighted.
- Consensus we should have a pre-freshet conference call.

Resolution:

The EGBSC has made water control recommendations to the Ministry of Natural Resources as per a letter dated on or about Feb. 2, 2010.

The MNR of Natural Resources replied in a letter dated March 10, 2010 they needed to confer with the partners of Muskoka River Water Management Plan before implementing such recommendations. The above consultation has taken place and the Ministry has verbally committed to implementing our recommendations.

The EGBSC would like to formally express its gratitude and appreciation to the Ministry of Natural Resources for implementing these recommendations with the intention of working within the confines of the Muskoka River Water Management Plan to maximize walleye reproductive success at the Moon River of Eastern Georgian Bay.

Motion by Ray; seconded by Brian; carried.

Action: Eric to send resolution and letter of appreciate to MNR.

4.0 Financial Report

- Financial statement presented to Council for review.
- Resolution by Bill: Council approves a petty cash float of \$400 for the EGBSC OS-Ranger Crew; seconded by John; carried.

5.0 Business Arising / New Business

- 5.1 Rino Ouellette Scholarship Award
 - \$500 scholarship cheque has been sent to Parry Sound High School
 - Commencement ceremony – June 24
 - Conflict with OMNR meeting scheduled for this evening. Action: Eric to contact Wendy Cooper of GBLT to make award on our behalf

- 5.2 Osprey Nest Proposal – Oak Bay
 - Project briefly described to Council by Eric; our participation is primarily to erect the nesting structure on top of existing decommissioned telephone poles.
 - Ray: Check to make sure nesting locations are preferred by ospreys
 - Brian: Possible to include PS Power Gen as a partner to erect structure
 - Action: Eric to follow-up and keep Council apprised of developments

- 5.3 Blackstone Harbour Sanctuary
 - Briefing note previously circulated to council on this matter via e-mail

Resolution by Bill: Whereas the existing sanctuary serves no purpose with respect to the protection of spawning walleye – which do not exist, the EGBSC recommends the sanctuary be abolished. Seconded by John; carried.

Action: Eric to notify UGLMU of resolution. *(Supplemental: Done – June 18; e-mail McIntyre to Reid)*

- 5.4 Miscellaneous
 - Wah-Wah-Taysee ESTN Survey conducted May 26 – June 3
 - Initial impressions: bass fishery looks excellent
 - Report to be written-up by Eric in late fall or early winter

 - OS Council Review planned for the EGBSC
 - Review process handout submitted to Council
 - Suggest the review be held at Moon River where several projects can be featured
 - Probably review date – early September; to be determined

 - Economic / Fisheries Revitalization Initiative
 - Filion report of June 14 (e-mail) submitted to Council

6.0 Date for Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 4/10