

Record of Proceedings - Meeting Minutes Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council

Meeting Date: Wed. March 24, 2010

Recorded by: E. McIntyre

Meeting Location: OMNR Parry Sound Dist. Boardroom

Status: Approved – May 5/10 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		

Guest: John Blanchard

Handouts provided to Council members included:

- Distributed at Meeting:
 - Mar. 10 OMNR letter to T. Crawford re Moon R. recommendations
 - 2010 Draft Work Plan – EGBSC
 - Financial Report to date
 - 2010 Water levels and discharge on Muskoka River System Mar. 16 - 23

1.0 Guest Introductions & Welcome – John Blanchard

2.0 Review Feb. 24, 2010 Minutes/Action Items:

2.1 Economic/Fisheries Revitalization Initiative: Action:

1. Ivan to re-write the Concept Paper with UOI recommended changes. Council will review at next meeting. (*Not done; pursuant to e-mail March 16th; Filion to all EGBSC members re modifications to Concept Paper.*)
2. Eric to contact Andy Houser for an 'outside perspective' on how these changes might impact support for the initiative. (*Done – March 15; as per e-mail March 16; McIntyre to EGBSC.*)

2.2 Financial Report: Action – Eric to contact Pennsylvania Club and Iron City Club to ascertain if donation from them; respond accordingly with thank-you letter. (*Done. Donation from Iron City Fishing Club; thank-you letter sent March 15th. Have*

been advised by Pennsylvania Club a \$275 donation is forthcoming; thank-you letter sent to them on March 23.)

- 2.3 FMZ-14 Meeting (Mar. 27): Action: Eric to send out e-mail asking for members comments in this regard. *(Done; see item 3.5)*
- 2.4 Invitation from Severn Sound Environmental Association / Town of Midland to attend “Sustainability Advisory Team (SAT)” event – Mar. 11th
- Eric to attend on behalf of the EGBSC *(Terry also attended)*
 - Sustainability Plan consists of 3 pillars: Environmental, Economic and Community. Five goals under each pillar, followed by numerous (84) strategic directions
- 2.5 Ardbeg 4X4 Land Use Issue: Action: Eric to send out background information to Council members. *(Done – Feb. 25 e-mail; See item 3.6)*

Motion to accept the minutes by Gerry; 2nd by Ray; passed.

3.0 Updates:

- 3.1 Go Home Bay Walleye Rehabilitation (Re-introduction) Project
- Revisions made to Draft sign re “Do Not Relocate Rock” for Go Home Chutes; copy circulated for inspection and approval
 - We have requested the UGLMU incorporate an egg collection component into their 2010 Index walleye spawners survey at Port Severn; awaiting reply. *(Supplemental: UGLMU have agreed to Port Severn egg collection.)*
- 3.2 Moon River Flow Regime – Sub-committee Report:
- Letter sent on or about Feb. 2 to Andy Heerschap, PS OMNR District Manager re EGBSC preliminary response. Response has been received; circulated to Council in handouts. Also, 2010 water levels and discharge data for Muskoka River system included in handouts.
 - MNR has expressed serious concern with our proposed mid-summer workshop relating to fisheries concerns and Muskoka River water management. This is not related to the topic per se, but rather the issues around the proposed Swift River Hydro-electric development are likely to hijack the agenda.
 - Discussion:
 - OMNR response re our Feb. 2nd recommendations is rather confusing. They cite a need to consult with signatories to the MRWMP but all recommendations are made within the confines of the plan.
 - We need to finalize if we are going ahead with the Bala workshop or not.
 - Need to include Muskoka Lakes Assn. and Muskoka Watershed Council in plans if we do proceed.
 - **Action: Ray to contact Andy Heerschap and set up a meeting to discuss proceeding with the Bala workshop**
- 3.3 Economic/Fisheries Revitalization Initiative:
- GBBR Conservation Stakeholder Meeting (March 5th) and Life in the Biosphere

Event (March 6th) - Ivan presented re our Economic/Fisheries Revitalization Initiative. (Special thanks to Terry Crawford, John Crawford and John Bell for attending on behalf of the EGBSC.)

- i.d.NOR still in the process of revising the Project Proposal and incorporating First Nations comments into the document.,

3.4 2010 Work Plan

- Revised work plan distributed in light of COA funding announcement. We have (will) received funding for:
 1. Rehabilitative walleye plantings - \$15k in each 2010 and 2011
 2. Spawning Habitat Enhancement project - \$30k in 2011
- Ray – Suggestion we consider a walleye index-spawners survey for the so-called “Groundhog population” (Pt. Au Baril Area)
- **Action: Eric to contact Dave Phillips of Env. Canada with invitation to attend our alternate 2010 workshop**

3.5 FMZ-14 Meeting (March 27th)

- Eric to attend as alternate for Karl and Bill
- We have submitted our 3 priority items:
 1. Need for a VHS protocol in the Provincial Fish Culture System
 2. Economic/Fisheries Revitalization Initiative
 3. First Nations & Fisheries matters

3.6 Ardbeg 4 X 4 – Land Use Issue

- As per item 5.5 from Feb. 24 meeting: Eric to send out background info on this item before further discussion. This was done Feb. 25: e-mail McIntyre to EGBSC.
 - Received 2 response e-mails: Gerry – ‘Not our problem’; Ray – agrees with Gerry
- Eric advised MNR of our intention to limit involvement in this matter to:
 - Stewardship project recommendations
 - Discussions between parties re above
 - Make OS Ranger Crew available to collect data and assist with clean-up operations for one or two days. (Note: Recommended that data collection be timed before and after a 4X4 scheduled event.)
 - Note: The foregoing contingent upon discussion with MNR relating to the Bala workshop issue.

3.7 Meetings Attended:

- GBBR (Mar. 5) Stakeholders Meeting (Ivan, Terry, **John Bell** & Eric in attendance)
- GBBR (Mar. 6) Life in Biosphere Event (Ivan, Terry, John C & Eric attended)
- Midland Sustainability Implementation Plan (Mar. 11) (Terry & Eric attended)
- Upper Gt. Lks. Study Meeting (Mar. 22) (Terry & Eric attended)

4.0 Financial Report

- Financial statement presented to Council for review.
- Pennsylvania Club has indicated they have made a \$275 donation to our council. Thank-you letter sent March 23/10.
- Discussion re payment to i.d.NOR
 - **Action: Eric to contact Bob Florean and request that invoices be split 50/50 as they come in.**

5.0 Business Arising / New Business

5.1 Regulation Fish Stickers

- **Action (Eric): Prepare draft copy; get price quote for approval by Council**
- **Action (Eric): Contact UGLMU to investigate if they would like to partner with us on the project.**

5.2 We have been invited to attend the United Walleye Clubs 2010 annual workshop in Sudbury, April 10

- Eric to attend

5.3 Sail Parry Sound – Request for a one-line promotion of Parry Sound Sail in our Update flyer

Discussion:

- Not appropriate in our Update flyer – no room and is exclusively projects directly related to Council activities
- **Action (Eric) Can provide a link on our website under “Links” on Home Page; request Parry Sound Sail reciprocate with a link to our website**

5.4 2010 Freshwater Summit scheduled for June 1 & 2 in Bracebridge

- Anyone interested in attending – advise Eric

5.5 Deputation from John Blanchard (Guest):

- John is interested in exploring the possibility of a walleye spawning bed enhancement project below the locks in Port Carling
- Would like to know process to pursue this ... Action: Eric to advise John by e-mail (johnblanchard@sportfishingmuskoka.com). Also – contact Mike Walsh to advise if this is okay with Muskoka-Parry Sound Council.

6.0 Date for Next Meeting: Wed. May 5th