

Minutes

Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

7:00-8:30 pm

Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Centre

Present: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Dale Kilbey, Sheri Johnson Purdon, Eija Hietaharju, Eric Oja, Ken Shames, Marilyn Shames, Ron Basso, Helen Makela, Erik Harju (videographer)

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Sheri Johnson Purdon
Seconded by Ron Basso

Adopted

2. Adoption of Minutes of Sept. 10, 2012

Moved by Ron Basso
Seconded by Dale Kilbey

Adopted

3. Reports

• **Executive Report – Attached as Addendum 1 – Highlights below**

a) Linda met with two of Cliff's consultants (at their request) interested in hearing the concerns of the VRS. The conversation was not taped, nor was she later provided with the notes taken by the consultants. Weeks later she was sent a release form, requesting permission for Cliffs to use the information from the meeting in any way they chose, and was also given the option to keep the information private. Because Linda was not informed of the need to sign this document at the meeting, and having no way of knowing what they had written, she chose the option that the information would be kept private.

At the meeting, Linda asked the consultants if, as a show of good faith, they would share the results of their water sampling program with VRS. The consultants said that they would get back to Linda with an answer.

b) At the Living Waters Rally in Ottawa Linda confirmed that other environmental participants understood that modified run of river projects were not "Green".

• **Correspondence:**

a) With reference to the VRS request to do silt sampling at the Wabagishik site, Xeneca responded that they would not be undertaking any silt sampling.

b) Xeneca sent the VRS a copy of the water quality report in advance of their EA report.

c) With respect to the status of the archaeological study Xeneca wrote that they would not be going to a stage three study because the artefacts found below the dam site were found outside the zone of influence.

- **Finance:** Balance of \$1017.81. Income from memberships of \$100.

- **Film Committee**

The group discussed, with Erik Harju, the logistics and content of the proposed video to be shot during the group visit to the Wabagishik site on October 13th.

4. New Business

- GSWA comedy night fundraiser to be held on Nov 8th 7PM for \$20/person.
- Erik was asked to complete a 3 minute video ASAP using footage from the Wabagishik visit and a visit to the peaking dam on the Misema.
- Persons attending the Wabagishik site visit will meet at the landing at 12:45PM
- VRS will request information from Xeneca on where/if archaeological sites were investigated within the zone of influence.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12th, 2012, 7PM at the Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Centre.

Addendum 1

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EXECUTIVE REPORT

10 October 2012

Report from Chair

Meetings:

- 13 September 2012 – GSWA Fundraising Committee Meeting
- 13 September 2012 – Green Space Advisory Panel Meeting
- 20 September 2012 – Met with Cliff's consultants, Juliette McDonald & Chris Gurski
- 21 to 23 September 2012 – Living Waters Rally, Ottawa
- 28 September 2012 – Site visit – took artist & scientist to paint & explore Wabagishik rapids

Correspondence:

- [17 September 2012 – Xeneca's Response](#) to VRS letter dated 9 August 2012 – Re: Silt Sampling
- Wabagishik Rapids, Vermilion River Proposed Hydroelectric Generating Station – [Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance](#)
- [2 October 2012 – Xeneca's Response](#) to VRS letter dated 7 August 2012 – Re: 25 July 2012 PIC – Archaeology Questions

Linda Heron