

**VERMILION RIVER STEWARDSHIP**  
**MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, 28 March 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club

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**Chair:** Linda Heron  
**Vice Chair:** Sheri Johnson  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Terry Little

**Present:** Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Marc Samson, John Reid, Byron Basso, Ken Makela, Helen Makela, Sheri Johnson, James Niemi, Judi Niemi, Tom Price, Michael Vagnini, Violet Lanthier, Carl Niemi, Dale Kilbey, Dave Gattoni, Rita Gattoni, Mark Fournier, Darlene Fournier, Sandra Luopa, James Luopa, Margaret Laframboise, Debra Bennett, Liz Cairns Bois, Andy Punkkinen, Harry Sandstrom, Bob Florean, Rolly Frappier

**Regrets:** Betsy Little, Marte Holouka

1. **Welcome:** Sheri Johnson, Vice Chair
2. **Adoption of Agenda**  
Moved to adopt Agenda by Dale Kilbey, seconded by Helen Makela. **CARRIED**
3. **Adoption of 8 March 2017 Minutes of AGM**  
Moved to adopt by Ron Basso, seconded by Byron Basso. **CARRIED**
4. **Presentation of 2017 Annual report: Linda Heron (Addendum 1)**  
Motion to adopt by Marc Samson, seconded by Byron Basso. **CARRIED**
5. **Presentation of 2017 Financial Report: Terry Little (Addendum 2)**  
Motion to adopt by Dale Kilbey, seconded by Ken Makela. **CARRIED**
6. **Elections of Directors and Officers: Marc Samson**  
The current slate of officers agreed to let their names stand for their current office  
**Chair:** Linda Heron  
Nominated by Ron Basso, Seconded by Ken Makela  
Marc Samson called for further nominations (x3)  
Nominations closed by: Marc Samson  
Linda Heron Acclaimed  
**Vice-Chair:** Sheri Johnson  
Nominated by Byron Basso, seconded by Mark Fournier  
Marc Samson called for further nominations (x3)  
Nominations closed by: Marc Samson  
Sheri Johnson Acclaimed

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Terry Little

Nominated by Dale Kilbey, seconded by Ken Makela

Marc Samson called for further nominations (x3)

Nominations closed by: Marc Samson

Terry Little Acclaimed

**Directors:**

The current slate of Directors agreed to let their names stand.

John Reid and Mark Fournier agreed to be nominated as Directors.

Linda Heron indicated that Betsy Little (in absentia) agreed to be nominated as a director.

Marte Holouka (in absentia) informed he would let his name stand for another term.

Byron Basso

Ron Basso

Dale Kilbey

Marc Samson

Marte Holouka

John Reid

Betsy Little

Mark Fournier

Nominated by Ken Makela, seconded by Byron Basso

Nominations closed by: Marc Samson

Directors acclaimed

Motion to accept by Ron Basso, seconded by Ken Makela.

**CARRIED**

**7. Keynote Speaker: [Bob Florean of Manitoulin Streams \(Addendum 3\)](#)**

Manitoulin Streams was founded in 2001 to address the degradation of fish habitat on 70% of the streams on Manitoulin Island, largely from farming practices, which resulted in the collapse of recreational fishing in and around the island. The group has since raised \$4.6M through community, youth, government, education, volunteer and business donations and involvement to restore 125 thousand square meters of fish habitat. They have gained the respect of all involved by an engaging and professional approach using the latest technology to assess and record improvements and results for posterity. One result showed a 193% increase in fish species in one year after completion of a restoration project.

**8. AGM adjourned**

Motion by Ron Basso seconded by Helen Makela.

**CARRIED**

**9. A Special General Meeting took place immediately after the AGM was adjourned.**

**10. Social and Lunch**