

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Vermilion River Stewardship

Wednesday, 8 January 2020

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club, 55 Club Road, Worthington, ON

Present: Linda Heron, Terry Little, Ron Basso, Byron Basso, Sheri Johnson, Ken Makela, Marc Samson, Dale Kilbey, Andy Punkkinen, Betsy Little

Regrets: John Reid, Marc Fournier, Marte Holouka

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Ron Basso

Seconded by Dale Kilbey

Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting: 9 October 2019

Moved by Marc Samson

Seconded by Andy Punkkinen

Carried

3. Reports

• Executive – Linda – Addendum 1

Motion to accept Dale Kilbey

Seconded by Betsy Little

Carried

• Finance – Terry – Addendum 2

○ Balance is \$2691.24

○ *\$500 of the balance is set aside for sediment core study on Simon Lake - Watershed Advisory Panel grant. (See Wood Duck below)*

Motion to accept by Ken Makela

Seconded by Byron Basso

Carried

4. Old Business

• Wood Duck Boxes – Marc Samson

○ No response from Ducks Unlimited,

○ Marc will contact NE Ontario chapter and report

Action

○ Betsy will contact Walden seniors and Sud. Naturalists.

Action

• Turtle Crossing Signs – Chair

○ Checked with Taylor Menard

○ Signs are available through the Toronto Zoo at \$55 + tax= \$62

○ Have to decide where to install the signs then contact Joe Rocca, Roads, City of Sudbury – he will review the request

○ Will need to complete a form as well

○ Drop the signs off at 1800 Frobisher Street and the City will install them at the chosen locations

- Would likely go over our budget of \$500 when the posts are included at about \$80 each
- **Poster Board at Wabagishik Road – Hellen Makela** **Deferred**
- **Vermilion River Access**
 - **Wabagishik Road – John Reid**
 - No response from city on Parking Passes
 - Linda will follow up with Joe Rocca **Action**
 - **Ella Road – Andy**
 - Chair met with Councillor Vagnini and he sent an email to City staff for an update – no response
 - Andy and Colin to do a GPS survey on east side to determine how much fill would be required for private parking. **Action**
 - Linda to contact Joe Rocca to respond to the VRS letter requesting an annual parking pass. **Action**
 - **Draft Forest Management Plan**
 - Informed everyone on our email list about PICs on 28 & 29 October
 - Chair attended the 29 October PIC
 - Clearcutting planned around Margaret, 3-Corner and Anne Lakes
 - Linda will provide Betsy and Byron with related documents
 - VRS will make comments – deadline extended to 15 January
 - Betsy will contact Franco Mariotti about the Red Pines **Action**

5. New Business

- **Rezoning Appeal for 1823 Vermilion Lake Road**
 - Applicant must build a fence around the property to meet City conditions
 - Appeal won't go ahead until all conditions are met
 - Appellant requested VRS support
 - Motion by Marc Samson to support Brian Tylko's appeal, based on the septic system being located in flood plain,
Seconded by Ron Basso. **Carried Unanimously**
- **Waterpower Exemption to a Permit to Take Water**
 - Hydroelectric is now exempt of the requirement
 - ORA ran an email petition campaign with 344 signatures, made 2 submissions and presented to the Standing Committee on General Government at the legislature
 - Met with MNRF
 - Managed to save the Methyl Mercury testing on new projects

6. Next Meeting

- AGM - Wednesday, 11 March 2020.
 - Betsy will ask Franco Mariotti to present **Action**

Addendum 1

Vermilion River Stewardship EXECUTIVE REPORT 8 January 2020

Report from Chair

Meetings:

- 29 October 2019 – Public Meeting - Draft Forest Management Plan – Sudbury
- 7 November 2019 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance – online meeting
- 12 November 2019 – IESO Webinar – Northeastern Ontario Electricity Forum
- 12 November 2019 – IESO – Northwest Electricity Supply Planning – Webinar
- 3 December 2019 – IESO – Northeast Electricity Supply Planning – Webinar
- 7 December 2019 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance – online meeting
- 12 December 2019 – Great Lakes Protection Alliance – online meeting
- 12 December 2019 – Canadian Environmental Law Association - Persistent “Forever” Chemicals (PFAS), and informed substitution of Toxic Chemicals
- 7 January 2020 – MNRF Policy Division – Re: PTTW Exemption and LRIA Amendments

Correspondence:

- 21 October 2019 – ERO-019-0279 - Provincial Policy Statement Review - Joint
- 4 November 2019 – ERO-019-0556 - Proposed Amendments to the Aggregate Resources Act
- 12 November 2019 – ERO-019-0518 – Ontario’s Sustainable Bait Management Strategy – Draft 2019
- 23 November 2019 – Bill 132 and Proposed Waterpower Exemption to a Permit to Take Water
- 5 December 2019 – Proposed Waterpower Exemption to a PTTW & Related Amendments to LRIA

Campaign:

- 5-day Petition Campaign – Speak Up For Ontario Rivers - Waterpower Exemption to a PTTW

Presentations:

- 21 November 2019 – University of Sudbury Indigenous Studies
- 25 November 2019 – ORA Presentation to Standing Committee on General Government – Omnibus Bill 132

Linda Heron
Chair

Vermilion River Stewardship Income - Expenses - Budget						
	Dec 31 2018	2018 Budget	Dec 31 2019	2019 Budget	Dec 31 2020	2020 Budget
Revenue						
Contributions	105.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Dues	675.00	500.00	600.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Grants - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	778.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-Total	780.00	500.00	1,453.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Project Income						
Total Grant Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	780.00	500.00	1,453.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Operating Expenses						
Office	30.00	50.00	30.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Website	282.50	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	100.00	120.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Meeting Expenses	200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	678.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Operating	1,290.50	1,000.00	230.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Project expenses						
Total Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	1,290.50		230.00		0.00	
Current period Surplus/Deficit	(510.50)		1,223.00		0.00	
Previous period Surplus/Deficit	1,978.74		1,468.24		2,691.24	
Actual Project Deficit/Surplus	\$152.24		\$152.24		\$152.24	
Actual VRS Deficit/Surplus	\$1,316.00		\$2,539.00		\$2,539.00	
Surplus/Deficit	1,468.24		2,691.24		2,691.24	