

Muskrat Watershed Council



MUSKRAT WATERSHED COUNCIL (MWC)

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Online through Google Meets

January 21, 2021- 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Record of Attendance

The meeting of the Muskrat Watershed Council was called to order at 6:30PM.

Attendance:

Present: Karen Coulas, Rene Coulas, Erin Dolan, Barbara Green, Debbie MacDonald, David Thomassin, Jeff Reeves

Regrets: Andy Laird, Gerry Rook, Thomas Watt, Michael Gulliver, Evelyn St. Amour, Vince Gervais, Karl Lauten, Marie Janick Robitaille, Andrea Bishop, Steve Saunders, Megan Rae

Council Representatives Regrets: Claus Trost, Township of Laurentian Valley Township

Council Representative Present: Mike Moore, Township of Whitewater Region,

2. Adoption of Agenda

Rene approved the agenda, Jeff seconded it.

Approval of previous minutes:

Dave approved the minutes first, Jeff seconded them.

3. Treasurer's Report

- SBCNA Charity Bingo now requests that we complete a monthly Charity Awareness Report. We would like to thank them for our monthly contribution for December and January.
- Thanks to the Whitewater Region for their yearly contribution to the MWC.
- The treasurer's report is attached at the end of the minutes.

4. Director's Reports:

Agricultural Committee Update – Karen and Rene Coulas

- No updates

Science Committee Update – David Thomassin

- No updates

Communications & Media

- Rene and Karen spoke with Dave on YourTV this week. They will be featured on one of the next episodes of the Dave and John show.
- Kathryn Lindsay contacted Karen about sending a letter to the different lake associations from Bonnechere and MWC asking for information on blue green algae. Karen replied, but she has not heard anything in a few weeks.

Fundraising Committee Update - Karen

- No updates

5. Old Business – Updates

- We received an email from Canada Summer Jobs asking for applicants for the program this year. It could be helpful for us to apply. A summer student could be helpful for water testing. The application is due February 26th. Karen will fill out the application for the MWC.
- Debbie and Dave tried to switch us over to the free version of Google. We have a technical conflict with our WIX account. At some point, someone needs to phone Google. Dave has more Google expertise, so the MWC is good with waiting until a later date when he is available.
- We had two responses for our call to be secretary. One thought they would get paid, and the other realized they have some health issues and cannot do it. We are still searching.
- We are still looking into applying for a grant through the Ontario Agri-Research Initiative. We will be applying, and more information will come over the next few months.

6. Other/New Business

- We received an email from a Major Coughlin offering to volunteer for future projects that involve labour. We will make contact with them in the future.
- Watersheds Canada had their trailer stolen. They are looking for donations. We motioned to donate \$200 if that is the case. Debbie motioned first, and Dave second.

7. Next Meeting: February 18, 2021

NOTE: WE WILL BE MEETING ONLINE AGAIN NEXT MONTH.

8. Adjournment: 7:04pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by: _____
Erin Dolan, Secretary, Muskrat Watershed Council

Approved by: _____
Karen Coulas, Chair, Muskrat Watershed Council

MUSKRAT WATERSHED COUNCIL		TREASURER'S REPORT - January 2021	
Meeting Dec. 17, 2020 - Scotia Account Balance		\$ 29,390.95	Business Chequing Account
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Stripe Membership Contribution	\$19.12	Service charge (Monthly fee & statement prep)	\$ (8.00)
Whitewater Region Twp Contribution	\$ 2,490.63	Watersheds Canada Natural Edge Tree Planting Project Fees	\$ (4,500.00)
Total Income	\$2,509.75	Total Expenses	\$ (4,508.00)
Current Amount in Scotia Account	\$ 27,392.70		
(Note: Float \$250.00)			
Dec. 17, 2020 - BMO Account Balance		\$ 4,648.52	SBCNA Charity Gaming Business Account
<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
		Maintenance Fee	\$ (2.50)
Dec. 2020 - SBCNA Charity Bingo Deposit	\$ 300.94		
Jan. 2021 - SBCNA Charity Bingo Deposit	\$ 219.10		
Total Income	\$ 520.04	Total Expenses	\$ (2.50)
Current Amount in BMO Account	\$ 5,166.06		