



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation
held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, via ZOOM meeting, Timmins, ON**

Present: Brenda Torresan, Claude Beaudin, Joy Galloway, Kees Pols, Laurent Robichaud, Mark Joron, Michèle Lepage, Scott Tam, David Vallier, Rock Whissell, Jennifer Bonsall

Regrets: Sylvie Côté, Jim Duncan, Sue Sorochan, Crystal Percival

Guests : Tracey Potvin, MNP

1.0 Call to Order: M. Joron called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 Additions to the Agenda: Bridge to Bridge Trail

3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed by: Joy Galloway

Seconded by: Claude Beaudin

THAT the Minutes of the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

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Carried

4.0 Presentations

Tracey Potvin provided a full presentation to review the 2020 Wintergreen Fund for Conservation Financial Statements for the membership.

Proposed by: Michèle Lepage

Seconded by: Claude Beaudin

THAT the financial statements for the year 2020 as prepared by MNP be adopted as presented.

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Carried

5.0 Elections

Discussion took place about the intent of the Vice-Chair to roll in to the Chair position. Technical difficulties resulted in the current Treasurer not being able to reconnect to the meeting. Elections were deferred to the next meeting.

6.0 Previous Business

a) Bee City Seed Ball Kits

Seed kits are available for pick up at the Timmins and South Porcupine branches of the

Library. Kits were distributed as part of the Pollinator Week activities. Activities also included a photography contest and there will be a map produced of local pollinator gardens for people to visit.

Action: None

b) Birding Checklists

Bilingual birding checklists are complete available for pick up at the MRCA office. Recommendation was received to promote them on Facebook and Instagram pages so that members can share the information.

Action: J. Bonsall will post information on social media.

c) Wintergreen Scholarship Recipient

The Scholarship Review Committee met and selected Jasmine Groleau as the 2021 recipient. She is a graduate of École publique Renaissance and will be attending Sault College this fall for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Technician Program. The Chair thanked the committee for their participation.

Action: None

d) Gillies Lake Garden Watering

MRCA purchased and tried a pressure washer, but it was not adequate for the garden needs. R. Whissell visited the garden and has offered to complete the electrical work to install a pump to draw water from the lake. A pump and attachments will need to be purchased at approximately \$400.00.

Proposed by: Claude Beaudin

Seconded by: Joy Galloway

THAT the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation contributes \$400.00 to purchase the pump and attachments required for the Gillies Lake Garden watering system.

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Action: MRCA will arrange for the purchase.

5.0 New Business

a) Fundraising Plan

A fundraising outline was presented to the membership by M. Lepage and J. Bonsall. The goal would be to raise \$197,000 to complete maintenance and upgrades to the community recreational trail system. The outline will be distributed to all members for their review. The plan requires a commitment of all members to participate in activities to take place over the course of one full calendar year, which will include development of information packages, social media posts, contacting potential donors, thanking donors, completing administrative tasks and more. A subcommittee will be required to move the project forward.

This is also an opportunity to look within the community for people who use the trails and might be willing to join Wintergreen, as we are looking for new members.

b) Bridge to Bridge Trail

L. Robichaud brought to everyone's attention that there is work being completed along the shoreline at Norman St. where the trail cuts in towards the river. D. Vallier noted the concern and will have the MRCA Field Supervisor take a look.

6.0 Parking Lot

a) Membership recruitment

Recruitment was discussed above with fundraising. R. Whissell reminded everyone of his offer of a booth at the Farmer's Market. Membership recruitment and Wintergreen promotion (trail maps, posters, checklists etc.) could take place over a few weekends. The fundraising campaign package could also be promoted later in the fall.

Action: Everyone try to think of new members. J. Bonsall will confirm dates with R. Whissell.

B. Torresan recommended becoming a member of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce as one of their non-profits. There are many resources available to members. M. Lepage volunteered to be the Wintergreen representative at the Chamber.

b) Wintergreen Paraphernalia

No response has been received from any members regarding member shirts.

Action: All members are to reply to J. Bonsall with their preference in member shirts. We will go with the majority vote.

M. Joron noted that he has received several requests for litter pick-up sticks.

Action: J. Bonsall will look into options for purchase.

c) Members Webpage

Action: All members are reminded to review the Wintergreen webpages and send J. Bonsall any requests for additions

7.0 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 11, 2021

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.