



Minutes of the Meeting of the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 via ZOOM meeting, Timmins, ON

Present: Crystal Percival, Dave Vallier, Jim Duncan, Joy Galloway, Kees Pols, Mark Joron, Michèle Lepage, Rock Whissell, Scott Tam (left 4:30), Jennifer Bonsall

Regrets: Brenda Torresan, Claude Beaudin, Laurent Robichaud,

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

2.0 Additions to the Agenda: New Business: Timmins Recreational Trail Committee

3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Proposed by: Michèle Lepage

Seconded by: Kees Pols

THAT the Minutes of the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

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Carried

4.0 Previous Business

a) Garden Tiller

The tiller requested by the garden group has been purchased, received and put together. MRCA staff have also completed a shed structure which will be placed by the garden and will house the water pump, tiller and any other items the group would like to store there.

Action: None

b) Scholarship Committee

Wintergreen's scholarship information has been provided to all secondary school guidance counsellors in Timmins. One submission has already been received. J. Galloway, S. Tam and M. Lepage have agreed to participate as the review committee. Submitted packages will be distributed to committee members after the June 3 deadline has passed.

Action: J Bonsall will follow up with guidance counsellors to post and information poster on their student bulletin boards.

5.0 New Business

a) Timmins Recreational Trail Committee

D. Vallier is working with the City of Timmins to resurrect the Timmins Recreational Trail Committee, which will be a committee of the MRCA. Terms of Reference have been drafted. Members being approached include Porcupine Health Unit, Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed, Newmont, MRCA, City of Timmins and Wintergreen. The intent of the committee is to work collaboratively towards trail planning, development, and connecting links within the community. M. Joron and K. Pols agreed to sit on the committee as representatives of Wintergreen.

Action: None

b) NOVA Awards 50/50

The Chamber of Commerce has offered Wintergreen the opportunity to host a 50/50 draw at the NOVA Awards taking place on May 12, 2022. Currently 10 volunteers are confirmed; members are requested to continue to recruit potential volunteers as we need between 20-26 people to participate. A booth will be set up at the event and sellers will be requested to circulate among the guests to sell the tickets.

Action: J. Bonsall will complete the lottery licence, set up the lottery account, purchase tickets, volunteer t-shirts and aprons. Members will provide J. Bonsall names and contact information for any potential volunteers.

c) Financial Update

J. Bonsall provided a financial update to members. One GIC will be renewed at a rate of 2.4% for 14 months and one will be withdrawn and deposited into our operating account.

Action: J Bonsall will arrange for GIC renewal and withdrawal.

d) Bee City Update

Funds have been received from Glencore, Newmont and Lake Shore Gold in support of the Bee City community activities. Start the Buzz Garden Challenge will take place again this year and seed ball kits will be prepared by volunteers for Pollinator Week in June.

Action: None

e) May Birding Walks

R. Fillion has agreed to guide 3 spring migration walks at Gillies Lake on May 18, 25, 28.

Action: Promotion will begin within the next 2 weeks.

6.0 Fundraising Committee Update

The March planning meeting was cancelled. Discussion followed about the Fundraising Campaign name. Input received was reviewed and all agreed that the name would be "Healthy Trails / Sentier Santé". The committee will meet to finalize the campaign information package, Canada Helps page and work on the donor list. The May 11 Wintergreen meeting will focus on assigning potential donor lists to members.

Action: All members are to review the Chamber website to determine which of the members they would be most comfortable approaching. All are also asked to bring a list of potential members who are not registered with the Chamber.

7.0 Chamber Update

The Chamber is promoting Volunteer Week April 24-30. Wintergreen will promote volunteer appreciation and recruitment information throughout the week via social media posts.

Action: Any potential volunteer opportunities are to be provided to J. Bonsall for inclusion in the Volunteer Week posts.

Chamber is looking for people interested in sitting on the panel for their 2022 Provincial Debate. The event takes place May 17. If any Wintergreen members are interested, please advise J. Bonsall.

8.0 Parking Lot

a) Events Distribution List

Mailchimp distribution list should be available in time for the birding walks.

Request was received to include upcoming calendar of events on the agenda for plans to be put in place by members (i.e. Earth Day, National Trail Day, Community Garden Meet and Greet).

b) Wintergreen Intern: no new update.

9.0 Other Information

None

10.0 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4: 57 p.m.