

AGM 2019-20 MINUTES 13 OCTOBER 2020

Friends of Covehead & Brackley Bays -Stanhope Place

Those in Attendance: Cara Dempsey, Troy MacKenzie, Franklin MacDonald, Annette MacSwain, Charlotte Vriends, Wanson Hemphill, Gordon MacCallum, Gerry Lajeunesse, Barry Cudmore, Verner Smitheram, and Justin Walsh, Watershed Coordinator

Rural Municipality of North Shore was represented by Mayor Gerard Watts

Absent with regrets: Marcie Savage, Robbie Shaw, Michael Hewitt, Emily Vantoevere

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks: Chair Verner Smitheram called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. He explained that this AGM covered 2019 and 2020 as the 2019 AGM was postponed because of Covid 19. A round of introductions was done so that all were recognised.

2. Testimonial in honour of Jim Jenkins: Verner recognised the passing of Jim Jenkins who was Vice Chair of Friends of the Bays from 2012 to 2019. Verner read the testimonial for Jim from the plaque which will be given to Jim's wife Flora. The testimonial will be added to our website www.fcbbwatershed.ca under About Us and Testimonials.

3. Minutes of AGM 2018: Barry Cudmore presented the minutes from the 2018 AGM for discussion and approval. He summarised the highlights from the minutes. There were no questions. Barry moved adoption, seconded by Gordon MacCallum. Motion carried.

4A. Election of Directors 2020: Verner read our rules from our "Letters Patent" for the election of Board Directors. Wanson and Justin co-chaired the elective process. The 2020 slate was presented. It contained ten names which is the limit. However, Gordon MacCallum requested that his name be removed from the list as he wished to retire. Thus there is one vacancy to fill to bring the board full membership. This can be done at any Board meeting by nomination and vote by Directors only.

The following **slate** of Board of Directors was presented: Barry Cudmore, Cara Dempsey, Gerry Lajeunesse, Troy MacKenzie, Franklin MacDonald, Annette MacSwain, Marcie Savage, Verner Smitheram, Charlotte Vriends. There were no other nominations from the floor after three requests. Moved by Wanson and seconded by Gordon that the names be accepted. Motion carried

4B. Election of Executive: Verner indicated that he was stepping down as Chair after twelve years in that role. He conducted the election of officers with the following results:

Position of Chair: Gerry was nominated. There was no other nomination. Gerry was acclaimed.

Position of Vice-chair: Franklin was nominated. There was no other nomination. Franklin was acclaimed.

Position of Secretary: Cara was nominated. There was no other nomination. Cara was acclaimed.

Position of Treasurer: Barry was nominated. There was no other nomination. Barry was acclaimed.

Verner thanked the new Executive and wished them every success.

5. Treasurer's Report: Gerry presented the Treasurer's Report. As of March 31, 2019, there was a surplus of \$16,263.36. Gerry suggested that the surplus although correct was somewhat misleading because the amount of \$11,000 received from the Rural Regional Development Fund on March 31, 2019 should have been more appropriately received on April 1, 2019. Gerry moved his report, seconded by Barry. Motion carried.

6. Cass's Pond Update: For the benefit of the new board members, Justin gave a history of the problems facing the pond and the previous board's plan to fix the situation. Unfortunately, we have been unable to move forward because of an inability to secure required matching funds. The Provincial Government although recognising that the pond needs to be restored, has not responded to date. The Executive met with MLA Bloyce Thompson on 16 January 2020 to present the Cass Project. In the absence of any response, we then wrote to the Minister on 3 February and again on 13 May attaching a copy of our January presentation. In August and September, one of our Directors telephoned MLA Thompson who indicated he would get back to us. As of this date nothing has happened. Hence the proposed project is in limbo. It was suggested that the new Board needs to re-examine the project and establish contact with our MLA.

NOTE: Detailed Powerpoint presentations of the Cass Project are available to Directors.

7. Coordinators Report: Justin presented a report on the projects completed over the past year. His report is attached at Annex A

8. Other: Welcome to Mayor: Verner welcomed Rural Municipality of North Shore Mayor Gerard Watts. The mayor said he appreciated the work of Friends of the Bay, and expressed the Council's desire to work with the new Board.

9. Thanks to Past Chair: Incoming Chair, Gerry on behalf of the Board expressed his thanks to Verner for the hard work he contributed over many years and the successes he achieved for the betterment of the watershed. Verner responded that his time with FCBB was a positive and rewarding experience working within a community he loved and with caring, effective and environmentally dedicated board colleagues and coordinators.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9:07 pm.

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Prepared by Barry and Verner

ANNEX A BELOW

Work Completed 2020

- Organized Bay Clean-up along Covehead and Brackley Bay
- Planted 500 long-lived trees and food shrubs with hare protection
- Spring Run-off Survey completed
- Removed blockages to migrating fish in 6 rivers (70 km) from the upper springs to estuaries
- Partnered with UPEI, and Mike Cassidy to conduct Sea Lettuce harvests for Clinical Trials
- Deployed HOBO dissolved oxygen meter in Brackley Bay
- Hosted an event with local Girl Guides
- Monitored the bays and estuaries for anoxic events
- Used our Nitrate Photometer and conducted weekly nutrient testing at 6 locations
- Weekly water testing at 10 (16 in total) additional locations (pH, temp, oxygen, TDS, Conductivity, etc.)
- Erosion monitoring (calculated 2020 erosion rates at the 10 locations selected in 2012)
- C.A.M.P. for DFO at six locations
- Maintenance on 8 rock check dams in a drainage ditch along Bell's Creek to reduce run-off
- Constructed new 15 brush mats
- Annual Nitrate testing at the same 9 ground water spring locations established in 2009
- Heavy Rain Event Erosion Monitoring Survey
- A lot of effort put into the planning of the Cass' Pond Project
- Stream Health Assessments completed in all rivers
- All data from Stream Health Assessments compiled and mapped in mapping software
- Sediment Sampling in Cass' Pond
- Social Media Updating