



**MINUTES – September 26, 2005**

Date: Monday September 26, 2005  
 Time: 6:30 PM  
 Place: **Ministry of the Environment  
 1094 London Rd.  
 Sarnia, Ontario**

ATTENDED MEETING: Gary Johnson, Darrell Randell, Stew Thornley, Bela Trebics,  
 Theresa Warren, Bud West

**Agreements/Action Items**

1. Agenda **APPROVED** with addition of:
  - Bank Signatures
  - COA Grant Application
  - Presentation by Pat Almost on Talfourd Creek study
  
2. ACTION: Darrell to review Friends archive files for budget agreement regarding funding from MOE for Lambton Lagoon project. Information on project is to be sent to Stew. ACTION: Stew to follow up with Tech. Support and Approvals Branch to see if this project can be moved forward.
  
3. **MOVED** by Bela, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa that Darrell sign the application from COA and submit to MOE for processing. This is in regard to a \$5k grant approved by COA for outreach, communications etc. **–CARRIED–**
  
4. **MOVED** by Theresa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bud to approve minutes from April 19, 2005 meeting. **–CARRIED–**
  
5. Pat Almost from MOE presented an overview of recent survey work conducted by the Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch on Talfourd Creek in 2005. A total of 9 locations were sampled for surface water, sediments and caged clams (to assess biological availability of contaminants over a 1 month period). Some preliminary data is available on water however it will be some time before the final results on sediments and biota are available. The ministry is considering the possibility of conducting Young-of-the-year (YOY) sampling this fall. The principal investigator is Rachel Fletcher. Pat will communicate the results to Friends and Aamjiwnaang.

6. Financial Report – Bud
  - Two \$500 donations were recently received from Darrell Randell and Geoffrey Lipton. These were awards/honorariums presented to Darrell and Geoffrey respectively from SLEA and who in turn donated them to FOSCR. Darrell sent a thank you to Joanne Brown of NOVA who in turn will forward the thank you from FOSCR to Geoffrey Lipton. Thanks are also extended to Darrell for his donation.
7. **ACTION** – Bud will look into an alternate arrangement at Bank of Nova Scotia to assess if we can get greater interest return on the funds in the current account. Bud filed a T3010 form with the federal government following a successful audit. **MOVED** by Bud, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bela to accept the financial statement. **–CARRIED–**
8. It was **AGREED** based on the FOSCR constitution that U.S. BPAC members are not members of Friends – Ontario. If this change is to occur consideration of changing the constitution will need to be discussed at the next Annual General Meeting. It was noted that if U.S. BPAC members were to become members of Friends – Ontario, they would need to fill an additional 3 Board seats.
9. **AGREED** that remaining copies of the WHC Biodiversity Atlas will be brought to the next BPAC meeting for those members who do not already have a copy.
10. **MOVED** by BUD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa that Darrell Randell and Gary Johnson be added to the signature list for Friends of the St. Clair River for purposes of writing checks on the account at the Bank of Nova Scotia. **–CARRIED–**
11. Bela noted that his future participation in Friends may be limited because of his job which requires that he travel extensively.
12. Next meeting – The Annual General Meeting will take place on November 24, 2005 at a location to be determined. Noted that the meeting invitation/agenda must be sent out to all Canadian BPAC members at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

Gary Johnson  
September 27, 2005