

**Friends of the St. Clair River
Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting-September 9, 2008**

Time: 6:30

Present: Darrell, Bela, Debbie, Modris, Terry, Ken, Archie.

Regrets: Stew, Theresa

Absent: Gary

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Bela moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting. S/ Ken Carried.

Business out of Minutes:

- 1) Gary McDonald would like a presentation be given to the Sarnia Rotary. He would like a noon hour presentation. Archie has volunteered. Ken recommended that this would be a good time to introduce the Powerpoint to the schools. Ken will draft a letter. Darrell will contact Kris Lee.

Treasurers Report: Terry

Opening Balance for 2008: \$60,016.56

Cheques to date: \$8,631.66 July 21, 2008

Expenses: \$344.50 from Aug.08-Sept 9,2008

No Deposits

Balance as of September 9, 2008: \$51,040.40

M/ Terry moved to open an account at ING Bank. There are no bank charges. Interest gets paid monthly. S/Modris The chequing account will still be at the Nova Scotia Bank. Carried Unanimous

We need to look at making a budget for 2009.

- 2) MOE: We can apply from the MOE \$25,000.00 We can also apply the Canada Day expenses.
- 3) Kim Gledhill: She was invited to this meeting but was unable to attend.
- 4) Earth Voyageur Day: Expenses were \$2700.00

New Business:

- 1) St. Clair Restoration: We discussed on a possible presentation. We will look at specific BUI's. RIC may also be involved.
- 2) Website: Ken
We discussed starting up a website for students. We could ask randomly chosen questions and 3 students would be selected to win a Playstation 3.
The website would focus on BUI's. Approximate cost would be \$2500.00. We would target the grade 7 and 8 level. Ken could put a link for it on the FRIENDS website.
- 3) The Board members are to try to come up with some project ideas for BUI progress.
 - a) We could show anglers what our survey came up with. We may have to redo the survey adding natures populations.

- b) We could sponsor an Angler Tournament.
- c) River Days on the Canadian Side
- 4) Kim Gledhill: Kim sent Darrell a letter that perhaps SLEA could pay for the cost of the classroom and FRIENDS could pay for the equipment. Perhaps it could be a SLEA/FRIENDS project. The budget may be larger than \$2,000.00.
- 5) CRIC hired a consultant on contaminated sediment. It will be discussed at the BPAC meeting September 18th. We should ask CRIC if they would like a spot on our website. Also we should ask BPAC for ideas on BUI's.
- 6) MOE funding: We still have \$15,000.00 being worked on.
- 7) Website report: Ken
Ken went to the Point Edward Council. They want pictures of Point Edward on the sign. Ken got approval from Sarnia Council to put up a sign. There have been approx. 300 hits since July. Regular site maintenance: 6 additional news items in media room. Ken reported on the Interpretive signs. He has completed the content for sign #5. Ken will submit artwork to Folia for production with 50% deposit. Delivery is 4-6 weeks.
Installation will require a new quote.
- 8) There was no report from BPAC and there was no further business.

Next Meeting: November 20th It will be our AGM

Adjournment: Time: 8:10 M/Terry S/ Archie Carried.

Minutes prepared by Debbie Trebics