

**Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance  
General Meeting  
Meeting Minutes**

**August 20, 2012**

I. Call to Order

Chair Lesley Flowers called the GSWA to order at 7 pm on August 20, 2012 at the Vale Living with Lakes Centre.

II. Roll Call

Shannon Dennie – Junction Creek	Jack Fraser – Long
Danny Belanger – Whitewater	Ron Swiddle – Long
Richard Paquette – Whitewater	Jean Hanson – Long
Alex Cieslewicz – Richard	Dave Young – McFarlane
Sherri Johnson Purdon – Vermilion River	Jessica Tann – Simon
Lesley Flowers – Vermilion River	Dave Furino – Simon
Jillian Smith – St Charles	Stu G. for Paul Fredette – Panache
Margaret McLaughlin – Fairbank	K.V. N. for Elaine Porter – Ramsey
Terry Fortin – Fairbank	Larry Hautamaki – Silver
Paul Sajatovic – Conservation Sudbury	

III. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Sherri; seconded by Terry  
Motion unanimously approved

III. Approval of Past Minutes – May 28, 2012

Moved by Margaret; seconded by Ron  
Motion unanimously approved

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Bank of Montreal account balance stands at \$645.00: \$300 in lake membership; \$500 in City of Sudbury Grant; (\$155) for incorporation filing

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report moved by Shannon; seconded by Dave  
Motion unanimously approved

## V. Correspondence

The GSWA submitted comments for consideration to the Greater Sudbury Source Water Protection Committee (concurring with those made by the Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury). A response should be expected within the next 3 to 6 months.

## VI. Review of Board of Directors Report

The GSWA website will have the registered domain as: [www.gswa.ca](http://www.gswa.ca)

Motion to accept Jessica Tann as a new director moved by Dave; seconded by Alex  
Motion unanimously approved

## VII. Committee Reports

### • **Brochure**

A suggestion was made to have a picture of blue/green algae added to the brochure

Motion for funds to print brochures, pamphlets, banners, posters, and other promotional items not to exceed \$500 by Dave; seconded by Dan  
Motion unanimously approved

### • **Fundraising**

Presently, fundraising would be for Board of Director insurance, display boards, and advertising

Lisa Bonin of Eventful Times is helping the Fundraising Sub-Committee with a Comedy Night at the Caruso Club on November 8<sup>th</sup> (\$20 per ticket)

Costs will include: Comedians, Sound, Lisa, and Snacks (no payments up front)

Alex will distribute tickets to Lake Reps; Lake Reps will sell approximately 30 tickets per stewardship

A request by Dan was made for a letter (and an e-poster) with official GSWA letterhead to approach businesses for auction items and tickets

In addition to fundraising, Terry suggests FOCA grants for special lake initiatives.

## VIII. New Business

### • **Policy Re: Donations**

The United Steelworkers have offered \$1000 to the GSWA. Discussion ensued regarding sponsorship and advertising. Consensus was that sponsorship and advertising recognition is acceptable and some friendly amendments were made to the draft policy.

Moved by KV and seconded by Dan that *“donations may be solicited and accepted from any organization or individual who may wish to further the goals of the Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance by contributing funds. Donations will not be accepted if the organization or individual wishes to set conditions on GSWA or in any way limit the action of the GSWA in pursuit of their goals.”*

Motion to accept policy unanimously approved.

### • **Silver Lake**

The area around Silver Creek (at the Southeast corner of the bypass) has allegedly been designated a flood plain after being blocked by an area resident. According to Mr. Hautamaki, the area was once designated ‘commercial/industrial property’ in an official plan, but is now zoned ‘wetland’.

Terry suggests some context and background is required before a motion and a vote can be taken for GSWA involvement

Alex and Lesley recommend the Development Sub-Committee responds or brings forth a motion with a policy re: private property

Paul advises that the Silver Lake issue is a legal issue before the courts and that the GSWA should proceed with caution in representing this matter

Motion to gather more information by Richard; seconded by Terry

Motion to acquire more information, including a mandate and jurisdiction unanimously approved

### • **Winter Activities**

Richard has observed that winter activities on Whitewater Lake are increasing. At times, the lake will have close to 200 huts.

Motion to discuss strategies to minimize lake activities moved by Dan; seconded by Sherri

Discussion: Paul advised that the Lake Advisory Panel is formulating information on this issue. The GSWA has an informal, yet cooperative, relationship with the LAP.

Motion to cooperate and potentially collaborate with the LAP in formulating lake activity solutions unanimously approved

- **Educational Forum Planning**

Lesley questioned whether a sub-committee should be struck to brainstorm on themes and places to provide support and education in the community

Terry moved that GSWA info should be available at the comedy night but that an educational committee wait until the November meeting; seconded by Jessica Motion unanimously approved.

IX: Next Meeting

Next meeting is Monday November 19, 2012; 7:00pm at the Living with Lakes Centre

X. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Lesley adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

*Minutes prepared by Jillian Smith*