

**Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21st, 2015**

Vale Living with Lakes Centre, Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, Ontario

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Margaret McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**2. Roll Call of Stewards**

Margaret McLaughlin – Fairbank  
David Young, Rod Chambers – McFarlane  
Shannon Dennie – Junction Creek  
Mary Henderson, Richard Witham – Long  
Claude Nadon - Wahnapiatae  
Lilly Noble, John Lindsay - Ramsey

Jessica Tann, Dave Furino – Simon  
Lesley Flowers, Linda Heron – VR  
Larry Hautamaki - Silver  
Sandi Willock - Grant Lake  
Craig Hamilton - Richard

**3. Guest Speakers**

Ryan Lawrence (AGAT Laboratories) - Ryan gave an overview of services offered by AGAT Laboratories and of guidelines and parameters of water testing. Anyone who would like further info can email Jessica.

Charles Ramcharan ( LU) - Charles presented a 4th year's students project centered on Long Lake to detect the conditions that would cause blue/green algae. What was found was that heavily populated sites had higher nutrient levels(septic runoff, fertilizes, etc.) that likely contribute to algae blooms.

**4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to approve and adopt agenda moved by Lesley; seconded by Richard.

CARRIED

**5. Treasurer's Report**

BMO Bank Balance: \$12,100.43

FOCA Membership Renewal approx \$150/year

Motion to renew FOCA Membership moved by David; seconded by Linda.

CARRIED

Motion to support the 2015 Water Walk with \$100 moved by David; seconded by Lesley.

CARRIED

**6. Committee Reports**

- **Private Drinking Water** – Linda: survey was distributed to find out how many septic systems there were along waterfronts. There were 200 respondents and most indicated they would take advantage of the grant to replace their septic system. Most who would not reasoned that their septic systems were newer. Linda will go through the data one more time and present at the November meeting.
- **Invasive Species** - Lesley: great turnout by GSWA members and great media response to the Boat Washing Event. The committee recommends a repeat at

a different location such as Richard Lake. Also, it was suggested to have a booth at the Fishing Derby in March. The committee recommends that there be large signs at all the lakes advising people to wash their boat. Money for the signs could come from donations from stewardships groups, or from other granting opportunities. Signs need to be bigger and more noticeable. The committee will come up with a design and look for additional funding. The cost of one sign is \$1000, and it would be a shared sign with the City. Committee will report back with cost estimates and number of locations. Lesley to draft a letter, similar to the FOCA letter to the GSWA asking for support.

Motion that GSWA make available up to \$3000 for the sign program for public boat launches in the City of Greater Sudbury moved by Leslie; seconded by Mary Henderson.

CARRIED

Lilly asked if the milfoil testing by the city was still ongoing. Lesley answered that yes they are but that they still aren't ready with their report.

- **Railway Safety** – Claude send out a draft report that the GSWA Board of Directors to read over. The executive will go over at next meeting and report back to committee with changes and recommendations to the Railway Safety Committee.

## **7. Executive Report**

-Simon Lake/GSWA Plant Distribution – 38 individuals from 7 city lakes picked up plants worth \$9000. Richard Lake has ordered another \$800 of plants. If anyone needs anymore plants, contact Richard Lake.

- Lake Advisory Panel (Watershed Advisory Panel?) Renewal – has been reinstated, applications went out for community board members, will be announced after the September 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

-ReThink Green Nation Builder – Leslie, Linda and Margaret will be attending an info session and will report back to the Board.

- Fall Green Gathering – Margaret will be attending in October (date to be announced)

- City Plant Order – the deadline for this year has already passed. Margaret to contact Stephen and ask about pricing and how we could go about ordering, deadline, etc. for next year.

## **8. Other**

Website – should there be minutes added to the website? Linda suggested that the executive reports be added to the minutes once they are approved and added to the website.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Margaret McLaughlin adjourned the general meeting at 9 pm.

**Next General Meeting:**

Monday November 16th, 2015: 7pm at Vale Living with Lakes Centre, Room LL202

Minutes prepared by Shannon Dennie.