

**Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance Inc.**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 21 2016, 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**Vale Living with Lakes Centre, Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, ON**

Chair Margaret McLaughlin opened the GSWA AGM at 7:04 pm.

**I. Participants and Roll Call of Lake Stewardships**

Terry Fortin – Fairbank	Alex Cieslewicz – Richard
Rod Chambers – McFarlane	Linda Heron - Vermilion River
Stuart Greaves – Penage	Leonard Lecompte - McFarlane
Pat Parker – Clear Lake	Joanne Lecompte - McFarlane
Dave Furino – Simon	John Lindsay - Minnow Lake
Bob Hae – St.Charles	David Young - McFarlane
Larry Hautamaki - Silver	Shannon Dennie - Junction Creek
Claude Nadon – Wahnapiatae	Tim Walker – Penage
Lesley Flowers - Simon/Vermilion	Margaret McLaughlin – Fairbank
Mary Faris - Long Lake	Lilly Noble – Ramsey
Lori Adams - Long Lake	

14 stewardship groups represented; quorum achieved

Guest: Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Peterborough

**II. Regrets**

Lin Gibson

**III. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion to approve and accept agenda moved by Lesley; seconded by Linda.

CARRIED

**IV. Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2015 AGM**

Motion to approve and accept previous AGM minutes moved by Linda; seconded by David.

CARRIED

**V. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

none

**VI. Treasurer's Report** (full report attached)

Closing balance \$11, 011.43. David indicated future spending on FOCA and ReThink Green memberships, invasive species signs and educational event.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report moved by Lesley; seconded by Terry.

CARRIED

## **VII. Executive Report**

Summary of activities GSWA has undertaken in 2015/2016

**a) Invasive Species Sub-Committee** - in collaboration with CGS had a successful media event emphasizing the need to properly clean boats when traveling between lakes to discourage the spread of invasive species such as Eurasian water milfoil & spiny water flea.

**b) Private Drinking Water Committee** - developed a survey to explore the possibility of offering a grant program that would encourage residents to pump out their septic tank on a regular basis or to replace an ineffective system. The data from the survey did not reflect the degree of participation necessary to make the program viable. The committee is now looking at other education & awareness options.

**c) Shoreline Plant Distribution** - Thanks to the generosity of the Simon Lake Community Stewardship Group & College Boreal, shoreline plants worth \$9,800 were distributed to 41 individuals on 7 different lakes. Richard Lake Stewardship also planted at 3 campgrounds on their lake & shoreline plants went to the new Northern Water Sports Centre.

**d) Rail Safety** - a committee was formed & developed a risk reduction strategy to reduce the potential for railroad accidents around Sudbury's lakes & rivers. A letter with the recommendations was sent to MOT, MNRF, MOE, Transportation Safety Board & others on March 2nd. No replies to date.

**e) Watershed Advisory Panel** – GSWA lobbied for the re-instatement of WAP (formerly Lake Advisory Panel). Several members of GSWA sit on the panel including Chair Lin Gibson & Vice Chair Mary Henderson. WAP wishes to take a leading role in developing the Terms of Reference for the watershed studies which are to begin shortly. Other GSWA member organizations have also made submissions to the City which we support.

**f) Speakers** – we have had a number of speakers present at our general meetings. September 21, 2015 Ryan Lawrence of Agat Laboratories gave an overview of services offered & guidelines & parameters of water testing.

At the same meeting Charles Ramcharan of Laurentian University presented a project on Long Lake to "detect conditions that would cause blue/green algae".

February 22, 2016 Lana Haslam of City of Greater Sudbury presented their "Love Your Lake" program.

**g) Memberships** - GSWA is a member of FOCA, CLS & ReThink Green. We also have members who sit on the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, Vermilion River Stewardship and Watershed Advisory Panel.

Motion to accept the Executive's report moved by John; second by Linda

CARRIED

## **V. Nominations & Election to Board of Director's & Executive - Terry Fortin**

Motion to begin nominations moved by Lesley; seconded by Dave.

CARRIED

Nominations from the floor for role of director: Alex nominated Lori Adams -Lori declined

Executive:

Chair: Margaret McLaughlin accepted for 2016

Vice-Chair: Elaine Porter accepted for 2016

Secretary: Shannon Dennie accepted for 2016

Treasurer: David Young accepted for 2016

Directors:

Lesley Flowers accepted for 2016

Alex Cieslewicz accepted for 2016

Larry Hantamaki for 2016

Linda Heron accepted for 2016

John Lindsay accepted for 2016

Lilly Noble accepted for 2016

Jillian Smith accepted for 2016

Motion to close nominations moved by Linda; seconded by Dave.

CARRIED

## **VI. AGM Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn GSWA 2016 AGM at 7:37pm moved by John; seconded by Alex.

CARRIED

## **GSWA Special General Meeting**

### **1. Meeting with the Mayor**

Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at the LWC, 7-9pm. Highlight three important issues, watershed studies, invasive species, railway safety, his views on Sudbury's challenges to healthy waterways, followed by a Question and Answer. Margaret to send out an email to remind everyone to attend.

### **2. Education Event**

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Science North Cavern, 6:30pm in partnership with CGS, Science North, SHU, MNRF, Conservation Sudbury. Short presentations by each partners and breakout sessions. Science North will advertise on their Board outside and the GSWA has also committed \$2000 for advertising for the event. Margaret will circulate the poster to the general email list. Please distribute them and invite everyone out.

### **3. Invasive Species Report & Event**

Signs will be given within reasonable numbers to private launch sites from the City of Greater Sudbury. The stewardships are asked to pay for the cost of the posts to put up the signs. Stewardship groups can apply to the GSWA to get their signs put up.

The signs will also have an area where stewardship groups logo can be displayed and will include the invasive species we should be looking for in our area.

There will be another invasive species boat cleaning event, June 23rd on Lake Penage. Stay tuned for more details. This committee is a joint committee with the Environmental Initiatives Department with the City.

### **4. Other**

a) There is interest in last year's shoreline plant distribution. Lake stewardship groups can apply for grants through the Watershed Advisory Panel to buy plants. This year, groups were able to bulk order through the City for a discounted price.

b) Lake Nephawin, the city embarked years ago with pressure from DFO to clean up the lake and put in storm sceptors and install some at Minnow Lake as well. The city will be hosting a public input session about it coming up.

d) The Second Ave development is going ahead, Lake Ramsey and Minnow Lake Stewardship groups have put letters forth with objections. There will be a period for the public to input before roadwork begins, for concerns such as water, noise, etc.

e) Maley Drive letters - Letter have been submitted by John Lindsay, the JCSC, Vermilion River Stewardship and GSWA with concerns over wetland filling and Species at Risk in the area.

### **5. FOCA**

Terry Rees, Executive Director gave a brief description of FOCA. They send out alerts and information about policies both federally and provincially, work on concerns with water issues such as invasive species, talks to the province a lot with issues provincially and can help direct groups. Margaret inquired how the OPP clean their boats. Terry Rees replied that they are trained and clean their boats. Alex asked if there was any way to lobby the OPP to have a sticker on their boats that remind people to spray wash their boats. Terry Fortin asked if there was a way to ask the provincial government to have signs at all provincial parks for invasive species washing their boats. Terry Rees said that these were all great questions that he will look into further with FOCA.

### **6. Adjournment**

Chair Margaret McLaughlin adjourned the GSWA Special General Meeting at 8:33 pm.

Minutes prepared by Shannon Dennie

## Summary of Revenues & Expenditures of GSWA

	APR 2012 –MAR 2013		MAR 2013-MAR 2014		MAR 2014 –MAR 18, 2015	
Starting balance		0.0		7117.62		6016.11
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Membership Dues	340.00		300.00		360.00	
Grants Received	1500.00		0		500.00	
Donations	70.00		0		5.00	
Interest	0.21		0.73		0.10	
Fundraising Profit	7517.37		0		8660.03	
Other	0		0		0	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>9427.58</b>		<b>300.73</b>		<b>9525.13</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Insurance	1053.00		864.00		864.00	
Bank Charges	1.96		0		22.50	
Incorporation	155.00		0		0	
<u>Public Outreach:</u>						
Internet site	300.00		28.24		739.54	
Brochures	500.00		0		300.00	
Events	0		510.00		450.00	
Grants to others	300.00		0		1300.00	
Associate Membership	0		0		175.00	
Other	0		0		40.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>2309.96</b>		<b>1402.24</b>		<b>3891.04</b>
<b>Final Balance</b>		<b>7117.62</b>		<b>6016.11</b>		<b>11650.20</b>

### Interim Treasurer's Report on the Comedy Night Fundraiser of March 5, 2015 as of March 18th

#### Income

Ticket sales 259 @ \$25 each.....\$6475.00  
 Gold Sponsors 3@\$1000 each....\$3000.00  
 Silent Auction.....\$3344.00  
 Gross Sales of Pizza\*..... \$720.25  
 Gross Sales Wine Raffle\*\*.....\$1040.00  
 Cash Donations (Wine).....\$40.00  
 Other .....\$20.00  
**Total Income ... \$14639.25**

#### Expenses:

Eventful Times\*\*\*..... \$4577.63  
 Caruso Club\*\*\*\*..... \$825.47  
 Wine Costs..... \$273.30  
 Expense Items\*\*\*\*\*..... \$302.82  
**Total Expenses ..... \$5979.22**

**Fundraiser Income..... \$14639.25**  
**Fundraiser Expenses.....-\$5979.22**  
**Fundraiser Net Profit..... \$8660.03**

#### Some Explanation of Income and Expense of the Comedy Night Fundraiser:

\* Net Profit of Pizza Sales =Gross Sales of Pizza (\$720.25) – Cost of Caruso Club's Pizzas (\$500+\$65 HST) = \$155.25

\*\* Net Profit of the Wine Raffle = Gross Sale of "Cards" (\$1040) – Wine Costs paid by GSWA (273.30) + Cash Wine donations (\$40) = \$807.70

\*\*\* Eventful Time Invoice was Event Planning \$600, HST \$78, Comedians \$2034, Sound & Lighting System \$1,695.00, Ticket printing \$170.63. The hotels for the comedians was arranged as complementary, no charge.

\*\*\*\* Caruso Club kindly provided credit/debit transactions for the Silent Auction at Visa's fee of 3%. Also it was arranged that costs for table cloths cleaning was gratis and the screen/video projector rental was reduced. Charges were: Pizza (20X\$25=\$500), Set-up Fee (\$89), Projector/Screen (\$100), HST (89.67), 3% Visa Charge (\$46)

\*\*\*\*\* Expense Items included such things as appreciation plaques, the gratuity to the master of ceremonies, etc.

## GSWA Bank Account Transactions

Date	Description	Debit	Deposit	Balance
<b>2014</b> Mar 17				6016.11
Mar 18	<b>Membership</b> 1) Simon Lk 2)Conservation Sudbury 3)Fairbank Lk 4)Minnow Lk. 5) Vermillion R. 6) Whitewater L (Azilda CAN) 7)McFarlane Lk 8) Long Lk 9)Ramsey Lk. 10)St. Charles Lk 11)Silver Lk.		220.00	6236.11
Mar 18	Donation from Vermillion River		5.00	6241.11
Mar 18	#15 Coalition For a Livable Sudbury-Rainwater Garden Seminar Sponsorship	300.00		5941.11
Apr 15	<b>Membership</b> 12) Junction Creek		20.00	5961.11
Apr 15	#16 <b>rethink Green</b> -group membership	50.00		5911.11
Apr 15	#17 <b>Science North</b> -Educational Event	300.00		5611.11
Apr 15	#18 , #19 & #20 <b>Honorariums</b> for- Educational Event	150.00		5461.11
Apr 15	#21 <b>FederationOfOntarioCottager'sAssociation</b> AssociateMmbr	125.00		5336.11
Apr 15	#22 <b>In memorium-Emma/Brianna Belli Trust Fund</b>	40.00		5296.11
May 13	<b>Membership</b> 13) L.Panache 14)Richard 15)L. Wanapitei 16)McCrea 17)Grant		100.00	5396.11
May 22	#23 Alyssa Ferreira- <b>GSWA Website</b>	739.54		4656.57
May 22	#24 <b>Fairbank Lk</b> Camp Owners Ass. ( <b>septic booklet</b> )	300.00		4356.57
Mar&Apr	<b>Interest</b> for March & April		0.10	4356.67
July 7	<b>City of G.Sudbury (for translation of brochure)</b>		500.00	4856.67
June&July	BMO Maintenance Fee**New**\$2.50/month	5.00		4851.67
Aug 21	NORSE contribution for 2 <sup>nd</sup> prototype	1000.00		3851.67
Aug to Dec	BMO Maintenance Fee**New**\$2.50/month	12.50		3839.17
Oct 27	#26 <b>Insurance</b> -(Gougeon Insurance Brokers)	864.00		2975.17
Dec.31	Ticket Sales (L. Gibson & L. Flowers)		575.00	3550.17
<b>2015</b> Jan 13	Ticket Sales (L. Flowers for VALE)		250.00	3800.17
Jan 22	Ticket Sales		600.00	4400.17
Feb 6	Tickets + KGHM International \$1000 gold sponsorship + wine donation cash (\$20 Sandi Willock) (\$20 Linda Heron)		1815.00	6215.17
Feb 24	#28 Fundraiser Expense-Eventful Times deposit	500.00		5715.17
Mar 2	Tickets + Manitoulin Transport \$1000 gold sponsorship		2300.00	8015.17
Mar 4	Tickets		1245.00	9260.17
Mar 4	#29 Fundraiser Expense-Wine for Raffle (Alex Cieslewicz)	162.60		9097.57
Mar 5	#31&#32 (\$450 & \$50) Fundraiser <b>Floats</b>	500.00		8597.57
Mar 6	Fundraiser Proceeds-Tickets & Other Sales ( plus \$20 <b>membership for Ramsay Lake for 2015-2016</b> )		5038.25	13635.82
Mar 6	Fundraiser- Return of <b>Floats</b>		500.00	14135.82
Mar 9	#33 Eventful Times -For services, comedians, etc.	4077.63		10058.19
Mar 9	#34 Fundraiser Expenses-Expense Items (Alex Cieslewicz)	150.00		9908.19
Mar 11	One Ticket + Glencore \$1000 gold sponsorship		1025.00	10933.19
Mar 11	# 35 Fundraising Expenses-Wine\$110.70Items\$25.00 (Alex C)	135.70		10797.49
Mar 16	Fundraising Proceeds:Tickets+SilentAuctionItem+Cheque from SocietaCaruso (Bill minus auction's credit/debit cards)		985.53	11783.02
Jan&Feb	BMO Maintenance Fee**New**\$2.50/month	5.00		11778.02
Mar 5	#30 Fundraising Expense-Gratuity to MC, Peter Williams	50.00		11728.02
Mar 18	#36 Fundraising Expense-Appreciation Items (S. Willock)	77.82		11650.20

**GSWA Cheque Register**  
**Date: March 18, 2015**

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Purpose
15	300.00	Coalition For a Livable Sudbury	Rainwater Garden Seminar Sponsorship
16	50.00	reThink Green	Membership in this
17	300.00	<b>Science North</b>	Educational Event on April 24, 2014
18	50.00	Honorarium	Educational Event on April 24, 2014
19	50.00	Honorarium	Educational Event on April 24, 2014
20	50.00	Honorarium	Educational Event on April 24, 2014
21	125.00	FOCA membership	Federation Of Ontario Cottager's Association , associate membership
22	40.00	Emma & Brianna Belli Trust Fund	In Memorium from GSWA
23	739.54	Alyssa Ferreira-GSWA Website	5 frames, register transfer, 5 yr. renewal, Premium Drag & Drop Program
24	300.00	Fairbank Lk Camp Owners Ass.(booklet)	In appreciation for Septic Information Booklet, help defray Fairbank's printing
25	1000.00	NORSE contribution	Northern Ontario Robot Solutions&Equipment Contribution for 2 <sup>nd</sup> prototype
26	864.00	Gougeon Ins. Brokers	Directors & Officers Insurance
27		CHEQUE NOT CASHED	
28	500.00	Eventful Times	Fundraiser Expense- deposit for services
29	162.20	Alex Cieslewicz	Fundraiser Expense-Wine for Raffle
30	50.00	Peter Williams	Fundraiser Expense Gratuity to Master of Ceremony
31	450.00	David Young	Fundraiser - Floats
32	50.00	David Young	Fundraiser - Floats
33	4077.63	Eventful Times	Fundraiser Expense-For services, comedians, lighting, sound, printing etc.
34	150.00	Alex Cieslewicz	Fundraiser Expenses-Expense Items
35	135.70	Alex Cieslewicz	Fundraising Expenses-Wine\$110.70 Items\$25.00
36	77.82	Sandra Willock	Fundraising Expense-Appreciation Items

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2015 March 23rd