

Meeting Notes Milfoil Focus Group GSWA

March 3, 2011-03-09

Held at Naughton Community Centre

Present:

Paul Sajatovic NDCA, Dave Furino, Perry Sarvas, John Bassett, Jessica Tann, John Peroff, Pat Scott, Dave Hodge, Bob Hay, Lesley Flowers, Lin Gibson, David Young, Alex Cieslewicz, Brenda Polano, Brian Wills.

Updates:

Dave Hodge gave a brief overview of his presentation to council and his follow-up letter. Jessica Tann was recognized for the power point work. Well done to both of you. Dave invited Paul Sajatovic to attend this meeting as a result of the fact that our anticipated funding does not cover the costs of someone to do the work of evaluating the weevil project as we had promised in our application for federal funding. Dave's letters explain this and so will be attached to this mailing.

Alex Cieslewicz said that M. Hilovsky from EnviroScience will be coming to Sudbury in April and that he would like to meet with representatives from the Living with Lakes Centre, Dr. Ramcharan, College Boreal and the city. Hilovsky thinks Sudbury would be a good spot for a weevil culture operation. He will also be looking for a small office area as well as 2000 sq. Feet of climate controlled space for weevil culture. Marty Hilovsky also wants to meet with Bob Florien from the MNR.

ACTION ITEM: Alex to find out from Marty Hilovsky when the last possible date for seeding lakes with weevils is and also to ask to change Marty's visit to Sudbury to April 13th & 14th.

ACTION ITEM: Perry will ask Jacques Barbeau when we can expect to know about whether we will receive funding from the city.

Paul Sajatovic from the Nickel District Conservation Authority said that he would work collaboratively with us to apply for support for an Intern (recent college or university graduate in the field) from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund. That fund if our application is accepted would provide 90% of the Intern's reimbursement up to \$27,500 over 52 weeks. An additional \$7,000 is needed to cover costs of WSIB, CPP and EI. NDCA is willing to make computer equipment available and to administer payroll. The Milfoil group would then have to come up with at least \$7000, perhaps a little more for unforeseen issues, more in the range of \$8,500. The application requires a work plan and there is a quick turn around (4 to 6 weeks). Thank you to Paul for his input!

Discussion: Should we look at funding for a student rather than an intern? Should we look at an intern for a whole year? Is there enough work for an intern? It was decided that we need more information about the workings of the project.

Next Steps: Dave Hodge will contact Dr. Ramcharan and Alex Cieslewicz will contact M. Hilovsky. A meeting will be set up.

New Business:

Earth Day- ACTION ITEM: Jessica Tann will head a subcommittee of her choosing if so needed to set up a display re Milfoil for Earth Day.

Public Meeting for the Eight Lakes involved with Milfoil abatement project needs to be planned for April? May?

ACTION ITEM: Lin Gibson will talk to Lilly Noble about a meeting involving GSWA. Ideas about venue?

No funding then what?

ACTION ITEM: various members contact possible sources of funds. Vale: Lesley, RBC and TD: Dave Furino, Trillium and FOCA: Lin, Xstrata: John B., CN and CP: Alex,

Give these committee members two weeks for research and communicate results, ideas on line and then follow up at the next meeting.

Lake Advisory panel application date extended. It needs good people.

ACTION ITEM: Contact Fred Slade re Federal support for the project. Can he make a phone call? Alex to follow up.

Next meeting: Thursday April 14th, 2011. Naughton.