

Friends of Kawartha Conservation
Minutes of Meeting of
Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Present:

Bob Allen
Todd Allen
Barb Elliot
Margot Fawcett

Ron Fevang
Larry O'Connor (KRCA
appointee)
Bob Pool

Donna Villemaire (KRCA
appointee)

KRCA Staff:

Brent Kulba

Absent:

Kim Denison
Chris Ellingwood
Dennis Sage
Ellen Woodward

Bob Allen chaired the meeting. It opened at 6:35 p.m. Bob welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves.

Adoption of the Agenda

Res. #13/08

Moved by: Barb Elliot
Seconded by: Todd Allen

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Adoption of Minutes of February 12, 2008

Res. #14/08

Moved by: Todd Allen
Seconded by: Ron Fevang

CARRIED

Correspondence

Information package from Bird Studies Canada regarding various funding programs. Bob Allen will review it.

Barb Elliot provided information on an April 2 conference at Fleming College where Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller and Past FON President Steve Hounsell will be the keynote speakers.

Financial Update

Bob Pool provided an update: There is approximately \$1,611.24 in the bank, plus a \$665 GIC.

Memberships will need to be filed with the Income Tax Department 6 months from the end of the year.

Motion raised to pass financial statement:

Res. #15/08

Moved by: Barb Elliot
Seconded by: Bob Pool

CARRIED

Purchasing Policy

A draft purchasing policy, provided by Wanda Stephen, was reviewed and edited (see Appendix A).

Motion raised to pass the revised purchasing policy:

Res. #16/08

Moved by: Todd Allen
Seconded by: Margot Fawcett

CARRIED

Grant Applications and Funding

Margot asked how grants are represented. Bob Pool explained that they are included in last year's financial report.

Question raised about whether Friends receives administration money for grants.

Concern expressed regarding responsibility for the flow through of grants. Bob Allen and Bob Pool will work on a breakdown of money and grants.

Bob Allen suggested using a donated canoe to raise funds by selling tickets for an auction.

Next Trillium deadline is July. Bob Allen suggest applying for assistance with:

- a fundraising program
- how to enhance membership
- governance
 - committees
 - subcommittees
- reviewing and enhancing constitution
 - look at other Conservation Authority Friends organizations
- assisting KRCA board with developing a relationship process with municipalities
- assisting with relationship between Friends and KRCA boards

Bob Pool asked about a donation made for a new boardwalk and when the boardwalk would be built. Brent will look into this.

Friends Direction

Margot asked what the KRCA board wants Friends to do?

Margot said KRCA needs to give Friends a clear idea of what is expected of Friends to help Friends decide what to do, before engaging in fundraising.

Todd offered to research other Friends organizations.

KRCA Budget

Larry O'Connor said the KRCA board would be dealing with their budget next week. Guidelines had been given to KRCA staff managers at a previous meeting, which they would incorporate into budgeting and present at the KRCA board meeting.

Conservation Areas

Bob Allen suggested Friends could apply for grants for conservation areas.

Larry O'Connor provided background on East Cross Forest and the remediation process currently underway.

Public Relations

Suggestion that Friends could assist with public relations.

Friends could participate in KRCA presentations at cottage associations. Brent will check for list of associations.

Membership

Membership letter from Bob Allen would be circulated only to people in Friends database.

Ron Fevang offered to approach Kawartha Field Naturalists to establish a relationship.

BBQ

Friends will hold a BBQ with KRCA staff and the KRCA board before the KRCA board meeting on May 7th.

Next Meeting

April 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Bob Allen
President

Brent Kulba
Recording Secretary