

Meeting Minutes for Stewardship Grey Bruce

November 19, 2015 at the

At office of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

In Attendance:

Norah Toth (Chair), Jo-Anne Harbinson (Note taker), Ron Stewart, Lee Thurston, John Black, Pat Kuntz (arrived at 11 am), Jack Westlake, Carl Sadler, Catherine Dickison, and Kevin .

Regret: Ray Robertson and Norm Jack.

Meeting started around 9:45 am.

1. Forestry and Soils Hand out:

Report back to the working groups, Soils looking at funding sources next meeting, ideas for pictures and we came up with a number

Forestry: Kevin will pull together their notes together, in the bigger picture then talk about specifics, Kevin gave the example of strategic plan for invasive species in 2012 and bring in academics and all ministries helped to bring forward legislation. Suggesting a local photo contest as a way of getting good pictures up, run through facebook with a prize at the end. Deer Creek and Silver Creek, and Bighead River in Grey, before and afters for Harriston Park.

ACTION: please send photos to Jack so as to increase photos for the website, in the photo gallery.

2. Minutes of Meeting from October 8 , 2015

SGB MOTION 076/15 Motion to Approved minutes of October 8, 2015 meeting.

Moved by Jack Westlake Seconded By Jo-Anne Harbinson. Carried.

Action from Minutes: Butternut seeds: Lee picked up the seeds, they are viable and cannot guarantee that they are disease free. 726 seeds are in the box, we do not know from where they came from. Jack talked to Bill took one to two dozen seeds, and Jack mentioned that there is a member from the Bruce Trail with lots of property, and if they are interested they could be planted. Jo-Anne reported that the Ark would be willing to take the seeds to begin them as seedlings and getting them growing.

ACTION: Lee and Jack will oversee distribution out. Lee will look after a planting sheet, Bill Moses will take 24 seeds to propagate till 2 or so years and plant some in Arboretum and sell some at the tree sales. Ron would want to start some. Jo-Anne will take some seeds to the Ark. Other suggestions was Evertt, and AWS in Shallow Lake We will ask for a report from them those that take the seeds that they report back SGB stewardshipgreybruce@gmail.com.

Kevin and Ron, any ideas need to contact Lee with ideas. Lee will distribute fact sheet electronically.

Piping Plover report has been submitted for review to the OMNRF prior to payment back to SGB. The coordinator has been told that her term is now over with her and may be filled again in the spring. Met with Alison Kershaw the acting manager of OMNRF and brought to her comments on the program such as communications between the SGB and OMNRF, and dealing with private landowners. Jo-Anne suggested that something go out to the landowners in Sauble Beach either in the newspaper or into the tax notices for South Bruce Peninsula as well as to First Nations, provide the positive aspects to the protection of the piping plover. A lot of good press and cbc radio, also a lot of photographs received. Out of this committee, one of the members continue with the FB page, going internationally.

Greening Your Ground: John Updated, through talking with Vern Wepler he found out that we need to talk to roads committee that meet twice a year and the fall one has already passed to with the next one in the spring, now on the agenda in the spring, and who would be for Grey County he will look into that. John will let JoAnne know about the date and that we can sit down and go over the power point that we have for the train the trainer and to make it doable for the Bruce and Grey County. Jo-Anne brought

3. Correspondence:

Butternut inquiry from Caledon, Lee has dealt with that as a county person.

4. Financial Update:

Pat did not get to the bank, however, he said that everything has been paid with approximately \$29,000 in the bank; \$1,000 income from piping plover admin fee, as well as the monies income from the bird houses; expense \$635.04, included youth expo and the greening your ground booklets, lunch from last the meeting.

Balance for the Piping Plover is around \$700.00 with one bill left to pay, another two years to continue with this project. Pat suggested that once the OMNRF pays the report submitted, that money goes into the Piping Plover account. Once the program finishes then it can go to Pat. Will have others look at the books as an overseer. Note that SGB provided \$20,575.00 by motion to the Piping Plover account to pay the bills needed to pay before receiving the OMNRF funds.

SGB MOTION 077/15: That SGB renew the extension of the monies transferred to the Piping Plover account for the term of the project to a max of 5 year conditional upon renewal of the project and yearly financial reports each year

Moved by John Black Seconded by Carl Sadler

SGB MOTION 078/15: that SGB receive the Treasures verbal report as presented.

MOVED by Ron Stewart and seconded by Jack Westlake

5. Display for SGB: it is unknown as to where the display has gone, both Jack and Norah talked to Craig and he said he didn't have it. Possibly at the Chatsworth arena where it is the last spot it was put up for Grown in Grey, it wasn't used at Envirothon or the Youth Expo. No ideas as to whether it might be. Once located then have a sign out sheet.

ACTION: Jack will check with Chatsworth arena and grown in grey organizer.

Krista can replace the boards with pictures.

Jo-Anne to look into the purchase costs of display board for table top and roll up.

6. Future: Grey Bruce Farmers Week - Eco day display, Monday January 11, 2016, Jo-Anne would go as well.

7. Discussion of Projects:

- a) Environmental website mostly linkages from theirs to ours.

- b) Grants – Lee was not able to pull together enough information to have

- c) Trillium and RBC Water: Jo-Anne suggested that we use some of our money to pay for a person to make application to a bigger funder to higher a coordinator that could . Jack mentioned that previous work with

ACTION: Discuss bigger application at next meeting.

8. Distribution of the Living on the edge.

9. Movie by the Messenger, about song birds and what is happening in the Nature of things SOS, an evening with the

ACTION ITEM: open house idea, opportunities to promote, showing the movie and pay a fee to show; song bird Ben Walters in Northumberland, who has done postgraduate work in song bird conservation presenting his thesis, impact of forest management on song birds vs house cats.

April 2nd and 3rd for the Woodlot conference; suggest the schools and libraries. Protecting your woodlot, drainage, possibly for next year 2017.

ACTION: Norah will look at the costing for the use of the film and logistics of using the film.

10. Next Meeting date: January 14, 2015 , Formosa 9:30 am

Motion to Adjourn made by Jo-Anne Harbinson.