

Meeting Minutes for Stewardship Grey Bruce

January 14, 2016 at the

By Conference Call

***In Attendance:***

Norah Toth (Chair), Jo-Anne Harbinson (Note taker), Ron Stewart, Lee Thurston, John Black, Pat Kuntz, Jack Westlake, Catherine Dickison, Kevin Predon and Ken Goldsmith.

Regret: Ray Robertson and Norm Jack.

Conference call meeting started around 9:45 am.

1. Minutes from the Last Meeting

SGB MOTION 079/16: that the minutes from November 19, 2015 as presented be approved.

Moved by Catherine Dickison and Seconded by Jack. CARRIED

2. Discussion of the Display Unit for the SGB: it would seem that the display unit and some tubs that were with the unit have not surfaced as yet. Jo-Anne re-created the display with the print information from Krista and using a table top display that the SVCA owns, and that photos were taken from Jo-Anne's files, this was for the three panel table top, she had to reprint the header as the SGB logo was not correct.

A new SGB display: The options are a table top display that would be similar to what we used at the GB Farmers Week (three panel fold out unit in a carry bag) or pull up full 6 foot floor display or there is desk top size as well. John felt that the display is to show all the work that the SGB are doing. To activate the public, John wants them to stop and think what we need, looking at eye level is better and can adjust the text, he recommends that we stick with a table top display.

Our display needs to explain who we are and our relationship with our partners as this is our opportunity to show and to clarify this. John suggest a committee be set up.

Norah will talk to Krista about display and components and possible costs.

Recommend with a sub-committee, John Black, Ron Stewart and Jo-Anne to meet in next two or three weeks.

Jo-Anne to set up a meeting to include John and Ron, in next two weeks to get a draft and to deliver to the rest of the group via email.

3. Treasures Report: Pat reported that there were no bills to be paid since our last meeting. The total in the General Account was reported as \$28,952.56; and the Piping Plover account reported as \$2,634.14. Need to get the Piping Plover money into another account, with money that Lee has received and can do it in Owen Sound. Norah thinks she has done a deposit for the General Account, Pat has a different account number for the Piping Plover account. Catherine has given Norah the account number, and Norah can deposit the money into the account.

Only one activity since our last meeting and that was in November which was around \$74.00 and that was for lunch. Jo-Anne noted that one of the next bills we would be seeing would be the insurance bill will be coming in sometime in April.

SGB MOTION 080/16: that the SGB Treasurer be directed to pay the insurance bill upon receipt of the invoice.

MOVED by Jack Westlake and Seconded by Ron Stewart

4. Strategic Planning: Main benefit of the hand outs, what actions will benefit your land, lots of good information put together from our last meeting; ideas of contact sources are challenges, as are the challenges are funding or sources of help to identify on the sheets. Main motivators is what is in this for your grandchildren, distribution- how do we do this as we move forward.
5. Photos to Jack for Website and display: continue to get photos to Jack and any suggestions or photos for the display.
6. Butternut seed distribution: Lee reported that all the seeds have been distributed to six peoples in total.

ACTION: For the file Lee is to send to Jo-Anne list of people, contact information and how many seeds they have, it is important to get the geographic location of where the seeds are being grown to follow up on being that this is a SAR.

7. Correspondence: other than the cheque for the Piping Plover, SGB received a Christmas card from Community Foundations Grey Bruce. No Actions needed.
8. SGB Event Involvement:

Grey Bruce Farmers Week, both Catherine and Pat manned the SGB booth at the GB Farmers week. Catherine said that there was a good attention to the booth and lots of good questions, Pat was able to answer lots of questions.

Future Events: Woodlot Conference; Roots of Bruce; Grown in Grey; Envirothon – May 4<sup>th</sup>- John affirmed to attend; Purple Valley; Kemble Maple Syrup; Saugeen Bluffs; Holstien Optimist Club Maple Syrup Fest.

Ron mentioned Forest Connectivity Task Force – a group that is wanting to reduce fragmentation in the Bruce Peninsula educate landowners and planting in Little Pike Bay includes Sean LaPierre and Elizabeth Thorne;

Kevin mentioned that the Woodlot meeting that discussed that issue, Craig is the one that seems to bring everyone together, and he sits on groups that Kevin sits on. Norah will connect with OMNRF to see if there is a value of Craig participating with us, the lack of connectivity with the SGB and other groups. Maybe more relevant for Craig to participate to twice a year.

ACTION: Norah will pursue before next meeting. Keep connectivity of the groups in the area to maintain that SGB be updated and coordinated. Good if a smaller group take a task and focus on one thing and do it well, then the SGB be connected.

Jo-Anne mentioned that the GB Water Festival is in May

ACTION: All need to check their Calendars to make sure that people are available to attend the events so that we can commit to attending these events there is a person to go with.

9. Trillium:

Briefly discussed Trillium application and how SGB can utilize the grant to establish a coordinator for the group to get some work done. Jo-Anne was to look into this and did not have the time. She has emailed the website address to Norah to investigate time lines and application deadlines.

10. Annual report for Piping Plover: John wanted to see a short report like an income statement for the Piping Plover project. Catherine will be working on that as required also for the grant from OMNRF.

11. Year End and Annual Meeting; Year end will be March 31<sup>st</sup>, Norah is recommending a nominating committee be formed before the AGM, Norah can be involved but not sure who will coordinate it, Norah has said that she will no longer be Chair on the SGB committee. John suggest that we ask Craig to sit on this type of committee. Committee will search for new members and give current members a chance to move up or step back from their present position. Past President and one or two other members , Jo-Anne nominated Jack who agreed to be on the committee, Kevin also volunteered and possibly include Craig.

Committee will consist of Norah, Jack, Kevin and possibly Craig. Hard to know who is interested in SGB and our mandate, good that Kevin is interested as he has other connections in the community. Kevin will contact Craig to see if he is interested. This Committee will set a date in early February to discuss the nominating committee. Possibly meet at Craig's office (Jack curls on Mondays PM/ Norah not available Wed.)

ACTION: forward any potential names to Norah for consideration and follow-up.

12. Historic Files: On going, Norah and John can arrange a date to go through the file box, looking for photos that can be used for a display; Norah has to go through the box to organize the box before it goes to the museum. The box has been purged to the point of minutes and projects but just needs to be organized.

Carl and Jack went through the Grey County box and minimized; kept the minutes and documentations for projects and then removed or recycled other material.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE: February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Grey Sauble Office. Lee to confirm the meeting space is available.

MOTION to adjourn Jack Westlake