

Citizens for Protecting our Northern Waterways
General Meeting – October 16, 2021
Wanless, Mb 2:00 – 4:15
DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees

Chris Smith	Cranberry Portage	chriscransmith@gmail.com
Richard Gibbons	Cranberry Portage	r.cgibbons@mymts.net
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Cal Boscow	The Pas	calboscow@gmail.com
Ron Black	Baker's Narrows	
Ralph McLean	The Pas	
Diana Ballantyne	OCN Resource Management Board	
Irvin Constant	OCN Sask River Commercial Fishers	
Don Gamache	Rocky Lake (East)	
Rob Vipond		rjvipond@gmail.com

Review of guidelines and health restrictions re: Covid 19 for public gatherings and meetings

1. Welcoming remarks - Chris Smith

Introduction of Executive Committee and Regional Representatives (RR) as follows: Chris Smith (President), Craig Asselstine (V-President), Lannie Bosman-Leptick (Secretary), Richard Gibbons (Treasurer), Marilyn Meyer (The Pas), Jim Lorden (Clearwater), Don Macdonald (Thompson – absent), Ron Black (Ex-Officio). Via Chris, Rob Vipond has expressed interest in being a representative for Rocky Lake. Diana Ballantyne indicated that she would see if anyone is interested in representing OCN.

2. Approval of Agenda

No additions or changes, accepted as presented

3. Authorization of meeting (Bylaw 6.2)

Today is the first formal meeting since CPONW incorporation. Bylaws were circulated amongst the Executive Committee and Area Representatives and approved prior to today's meeting. Discussion re: that today's general meeting be a substitute for the annual general meeting.

Motion: That the general meeting be accepted as a substitute for the annual general meeting as per Bylaw 6.2.

Moved: Cal Boscow Second: Richard Gibbons.

No objections, motion carried 12-0

4. Review of September 26, 2020 meeting minutes

Follow up on action item from Sept 26, 2020 meeting re: Regional Representative for OCN – Diana Ballantyne has agreed to discuss Regional Representative for OCN with Resource Management Board

Motion: To accept the minutes of Sept 26/20 as presented.

Moved: Craig Asselstine Second: Chris Smith.

Accepted as passed. 12-0

5. Articles of Incorporation

Review of the process and need to develop bylaws. Bylaws were developed in November 2020 and subsequently revised. These were circulated to the Executive Committee and Regional Representatives and approved by same as of this date.

Motion: To confirm and accept bylaws as presented, and as approved by the Executive Committee/ Regional Representatives, and as posted on the CPONW website.

Moved: Chris Smith Second: Jim Lorden

Accepted as passed. 12-0

6. Business Report

- Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Fund grant: Provided overview and summary of activities and outreach events that took place over the past year. This included outreach and information events at 9 area boat launches as well as 3 information displays at The Pas Extra Foods and local craft sales. A noted result of the above activities was that members received very positive feedback from participants.
- Rotary Club: As a result of a donation from Rotary Club - The Pas, custom made signs were produced and placed at 12 targeted locations. These signs contained information on controlling the spread of zebra mussels, as well as what to do when leaving a control zone with specific reference to the Saskatchewan River.
- Outreach: fact sheets, newsletters and a letter for lodges to send to their incoming guests were distributed as well as posted on the CPONW website and Facebook page.
- Government Liaison: as a result of outreach (Chris/Ron) to local municipal councils, AMM adopted and passed a resolution to support and focus on preventing the spread of zebra mussels. A letter was sent to the federal government indicating CPONW support of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation report to the federal government, with specific reference to government support to prevent the expansion of zebra mussels. CPONW also provided input into the following
 - a) the benefits of having a citizen advisory liaison with the Provincial government
 - b) the operating hours of the Clearwater inspection station
 - c) the location of the proposed Waboden inspection station
 - d) what additional lakes should/could be monitored in the Northern region

Action: Diana Ballantyne requested that CPONW reach out to the communities of Easterville and Grand Rapids to provide information, education and to emphasize the need for precautions to prevent the spread of zebra mussels from Cedar Lake. Marilyn and Diana (and possible Irvin) agreed to meet to discuss options for outreach and education to both of these communities.

7. Financial Report

Details of finances including income and expenditures were presented by Treasurer Richard Gibbons.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report as presented be filed for audit.

Moved: Richard Gibbons Second: Ron Black/Don Gamache

No objections, motion carried 12-0

Motion: That the CPONW members submitted documented expenses, incurred while completing CPONW authorized activities during the period of July 1, 2021 to October 16, 2021, be reimbursed.

Moved: Richard Gibbons Second: Jim Lorden

No objections, motion carried 12-0

Discussion ensued re: the remainder of FWEF grant funds – agreement amongst all present to defer decision to Executive Committee.

Action: To purchase canopy and display items for public outreach events within the Thompson region.

To explore having education and informational materials printed in Cree.

8. New Business

Discussion around potential future activities and grant opportunities. Ralph McLean, Editor of The Opaskwayak Times, offered support in getting any AIS messaging out to the general public by news articles, link to CPONW Facebook page and posting relevant videos.

- Suggestion to hire a professional lobby group to advocate with government, particularly around inspection stations.
- Query what neighbouring provinces and states are doing, specifically Minnesota. (Cal)
- Provincial highway signs and the need to have more prominent signage – Craig suggested engaging with Manitoba Infrastructure.
- Grant opportunities – FWEF letter of interest due by Nov 1, 2021. Agreement amongst all present for Chris to proceed with submitting a letter of interest on behalf of CPONW.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion: meeting to adjourn at 4:15.

Moved: Ralph McClean Second: Lannie Bosman-Leptick

Submitted by: Lannie Bosman-Leptick