

**Citizens for Protecting our Northern Waterways
General Meeting – September 26, 2020
Cranberry Portage 10-12:00
Clearwater Lake Hall 2-4 pm.**

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees

Cranberry Portage

Chris Smith	Cranberry Portage	chriscransmith@gmail.com
Richard Gibbons	Cranberry Portage	r.c.gibbons@mymts.net
Lannie Bosman-Leptick	Cranberry Portage	lanniebosmanleptick@gmail.com
Ron Mighton	Cranberry Portage	rmighton@me.com

Clearwater

Chris Smith	Cranberry Portage	chriscransmith@gmail.com
Craig Asselstine	Clearwater Lake	ctasselstine@gmail.com
Jim & Sue Lorden	Clearwater Lake	cclodgetrout@gmail.com
Carla Buck	OCN Nat. Resources	carla.buck@opaskwayak.ca
Marilyn Meyer	UCN The Pas	mmayer@ucn.ca
Cal Boscow	Clearwater Lake	calboscow@gmail.com

1. Reviewed Agenda

Purpose of the meetings

- Update of activities since January
- Discuss the need for an Executive Structure
- Discuss becoming incorporated as a non-profit
- Other

2. Purpose of the committee

- Advocacy, Education and Awareness
- Discussion around who needs to be at the table? Who are we missing? Discussion re: representation from across the region and associated town councils would be an asset.

3. Review of waterbodies in Northern Manitoba that were included in sampling for veliger's in 2020

- Lake Athapap-Baker's Narrows
- Reed Lake
- Iskwasum Lake
- Clearwater Lake (pump house and Sunset)
- Saskatchewan River (bridge-The Pas as well as substrate samplers)
- Cedar Lake –(Easterville, Moak's and Cook's)
- Lake Winnipegosis (Denbeigh Pt, Dawson, Duck Bay)
- Little Limestone Lake

- Footprint Lake
- Wekusko Lake
- Grass River at Wekusko Lodge
- Paint Lake (NE)
- Setting Lake
- Molson Lake
- Bowden Lake
- Clarke Lake
- Assean Lake

4. Presentation – (Chris) Power Point - attached

Activities since January

- meeting with Minister Pederson to discuss AIS program and group concerns
- outreach to Snow Lake, Thompson (Don Macdonald),
- meeting with The Pas and Flin Flon City Council – resolution prepared and passed by Flin Flon to UMM to lobby government for more resources to support the AIS program that will be discussed at the AMM convention in November.
- CPONW website – form of communication during Covid,
- Sponsored Watercraft Inspection Seminar July 13. To date our area has seen 49 people participate (32 in 2019, 17 in 2020).
- Development and placement of CPONW signage at public launch sites
- Secured financial support from RM Kelsey/LUD of Cranberry and Kelsey Watershed district
- Applied for and got approval for a Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund that was supported by the LUD of Cranberry Portage and Clearwater Lake Cottagers Association

Finances

- Income: RM/LUD - \$1500; Watershed district - \$500; FWEF Grant – 4372 (pending) Total=\$6372
- Expenditures: Web site domain, hall rental for seminar, mileage and meals = \$567.82
- Outstanding = \$76.24 (Seminar coffee break donuts)
- Pending – hall rental for these meetings
- Bank Account set up in CPONW name at Royal Bank in Flin Flon

5. Need for Executive Structure

Chris proposed the need for an executive structure given the group now has considerable money and a growing program that requires proper oversight. Noted that the Cranberry Group approved of an Executive Structure comprised of President, Secretary, Treasurer and also Members at Large (MAL). MAL could be representatives from local communities

- Group is in support for an Executive and Members at large but thought a Vice President should be added.

Resolution: that the CPONW form an Executive Committee

Moved - Cranberry Portage: Lannie Bosman-Leptick; Second – Ron Mighton

Carried - Cranberry Portage: 4-0

Moved - Clearwater: Jim Lorden; Second - Cal Boscow

Carried - Clearwater: 6-0

- Chris asked the group in Cranberry Portage if anyone was interested in filling any of the Executive positions. Expressions of interest: Chris Smith – President; Lannie Bosman-Leptick – Secretary; Richard Gibbons – Treasurer.
- Chris asked the group in Clearwater if anyone was interested in filling any of the Executive positions. No one expressed interest.
- Chris also noted that Marilyn Meyer has agreed to be a MAL for The Pas and Don MacDonald has agreed to be MAL for Thompson.
- Jim Lorden expressed interest in being a MAL for Clearwater Lake.
- Regarding a MAL for OCN, Carla Buck agreed they should be represented and will bring this forward to the Resource Management Board at OCN.
- Group expressed support for those putting their names forward to Executive and MAL.

Action: Carla Buck to bring forward to the Resource Management Board at OCN re: MAL for OCN.

Resolution: that the CPONW Executive positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer be filled by Chris Smith, Lannie Bosman- Leptick and Richard Gibbons, Members at Large Don MacDonald, Marilyn Meyer and Jim Lorden.

Moved - Clearwater: Cal Boscow; Second – Craig Asselstine

Carried - Clearwater: 6-0

Re the Vice President position, Craig Asselstine felt that a representative from Clearwater Lake would be helpful and suggested reaching out to Paul Chapman.

Action: Craig agreed to reach out to Paul Chapman to discuss.

Subsequent to meeting, Paul Chapman respectfully declined, Craig Asselstine graciously accepted

6. Incorporation as a Non-Profit

Discussed on incorporation as a non-profit. Advantages include:

- Adds simplicity
- One organization vs a group (people come and go a corporation does not)
- Adds legitimacy to the group
- Corporation becomes responsible for liability vs. individuals
- Preferred by banks and governments (enhances grant opportunities)
- Is required by CRA if group wants to become a registered charity

Group discussion at both meetings supported that CPONW become incorporated as a non-profit.

Resolution: (as written and submitted by Ron Black prior to leaving the meeting)

That when the Executive Committee is formed that they proceed with incorporation as a non-profit.

Moved – Cranberry Portage: Ron Black; Second – Chris Smith

Carried – Cranberry Portage: 4-0

Moved - Clearwater: Marilyn Meyer; Second – Carla Buck

Carried - Clearwater: 6-0

7. Frequency of Meetings

Discussed frequency of meetings. General consensus was 2-3 including an AGM. One idea presented was having a spring AGM meeting when planned summer activities would be discussed followed by an Executive meeting that would be open to public if they desired to attend. Fall meeting would be a recap of the summer activities. Executive and any other committee meetings could occur as needed.

Next Steps

- Compile and circulate notes from meeting for comment and finalize.
- Finalize Executive Structure and appointments (pending V.P. Position and other members at large – e.g. Rocky Lake)
- Work on becoming incorporated as a non-profit
- Proceed with completing Funding Agreement for the Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund Grant

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Lannie Bosman-Leptick/Chris Smith