

COALITION POUR LA VIABILITÉ DU SUD DU GOLFE DU SAINT-LAURENT
SOUTHERN GULF OF ST-LAWRENCE COALITION ON SUSTAINABILITY

Steering Committee Meeting #2

Minutes: Miramichi Boardrooms, 6th floor, Moncton, New Brunswick
Date: Saturday September 7th, 2002
Time: 9:00 – 3:00pm

Attending members:

Allister Marshall
Anita Vézina
Harry Collins
David Boyce
Justin Houston
Larry Hildebrand
Liette Vasseur
Marianne Janowicz
Michael Butler
Sophie Bastien-Daigle

Support :

Mathieu David Vautour, Coordinator

Absent members :

Cindy Crane
Henry Augustine
Gary Simon
Éric Giguère
Kyle McKenzie
Claude Rioux
Irené Novazcek
Isabelle Hubert
Jocelyne Gauvin

Attending observers :

Claudette LeBlanc
Natalie Brun
Inuk Simard

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1. **Call to order**
Meeting started at 9:22am
 2. **Roundtable introductions and opening remarks**
All attending introduced themselves
 3. **Approval of agendas**
Agenda was approved on concensus after point 15b. Others was added.
 4. **Approval of last meeting minutes (May 11, 2002 including February 9, 2002)**
Approval of February and May minutes was put off till after lunch when copies would be available.
The minutes from may were approved with minor corrections but the February minutes weren't complete. **Action Item: Find and review minutes for next SC meeting.*
 5. **Review of action items from last meeting**
Review of action items followed the approval of last meeting minutes, mostly incorporated into the agenda items.
 6. **Treasurer's report**
Since the funding from Environment Canada has just been sent (L. Hildebrand) and not received yet, some overhead has to be put on the account to allow for next payroll. The budget is more limited than last year. We need to reevaluate some activities.
 7. **Management Committee Meeting**
S. Bastien-Daigle briefed the members on the retreat that the management committee had in Montague.

- The management committee's priority is to fill the seat on the steering committee.
- Joining the Communication and Public Environmental Education working groups.
- Updating the 2002-2022 strategic plan
- Rewording of strategy 7 from the 2002-2022 strategic plan.

* **Interruption**

Introductions and explanations; S. Bastien-Daigle is replacing S. Hopper with changes in DFO responsibilities

8. **Strategic plan**

**Action item: Strategic plan was updated but needs to be sent to the steering committee members within 2 weeks.* The official approval will be at the next steering committee meeting.

9. **Working group**

- The Public Environmental Education and Communication working groups are merged and will be chaired by D. Boyce by interim. This new group is a key working group to the Coalition. It assures the visibility of the Coalition and work intimately with the coordinator. The working group supports the communication efforts of the coordinator. It also acts as an editorial board for publications.
- The Constitution & Policy working group is chaired by Jean-Paul Vanderlinden and receives its orders directly from the Steering Committee.
- The Science & Research working group is presently chaired by I. Novaczek. After negotiations with Mike Chadwick about a possible merger with his research group the structure might change. The Habitat working group might also be attached to the Science & Research working group at some time.
**Action Item: Arrange a document on the idea of scholarship proposals in order to attract M. Chadwick and meet with the Management Committee to discuss linkages. (S. Bastien-Daigle & L. Vasseur).*
- The Harmonization and Government Policy working group is chaired by L. Hildebrand. It had a meeting in April with different levels of government and should get back in touch with them soon. **Action Item: to get the list of attendees to that meeting sent to L. Hildebrand. (Coordinator)*
- The Ecosystem Charter working group is now part of the Communications & Education working group.
**Action Item: C. Leblanc's charter should be distributed. (Coordinator)*
- The Petroleum Development working group is now simply a subject on the forum board. All the Coalition needs now is someone to steer this discussion. More themes like this one will be selected from suggested one at the next AGM.
- The AGM working group for this year consists of M. Butler, A. Vézina, J. Houston, M. D. Vautour, L. Vasseur and A. Marshall.

10. **Lunch**

11. **Vacant Seats**

There are still 16 vacant seats. 8 from industry, 4 from municipality, 1 community, 2 province and 1 academia. N. Brun will stay in touch with the coordinator in order to get a presentation done to the MFU. **Action Item: A brochure, a poster and a presentation should be ready within the next few weeks.*

- M. Janowicz and J. Houston will look into municipality seats.
- J. Houston will find someone for industry in Nova-Scotia.
- N. Brun → Maritime Fishermen's Union
- L. Vasseur will look with Nova-Scotia academia.

12. **Letter of Agreement with Environment Canada**

Most of the money has been sent by check to Southeast Environmental Association. The total amount that the Coalition will receive is 60291\$. The workplan for next year should be ready by April 2003 to reduce the delay in the routing of funds. A call for activities will be sent in February 2003 with reports for each working group. Due by February 25th, 2003.

13. **Next AGM 11th and 12th of April 2003**

Next AGM (2003) will be in Nova-Scotia or Québec., but the exact location still needs to be determined by the AGM working group. There is already an offer from NS, (A. Marshall)

**Action Item: A call will go out to members to ask if anyone in the Nova-Scotia or Quebec area wants to host the AGM.*

* **Interruption**

- There will be a conference from the Canadian Botanical Association in June and the Coalition should be present.
- Anyone interested in more information on the Bay of Fundy Fisheries Council workshop in Cornwallis should email M. Janowicz. Marianne.janowicz@gnb.ca
- People interested in Remote Sensing should contact Andrew Boghen from the Université de Moncton.
- More information about Tadoussac can be found with A. Vézina. Avezina.cbmicmac@cgocable.ca

14. **GIS mentor update**

I. Simard gave a brief “how are they doing” update of the mentored communities. And also confirmed his interest in the position if the contract is renewed. Information point: two other communities in our ecosystem are on the same project but independent from the Coalition.

**Action Item: Examine possibilities to renew the contract.*

**Action Item: Get a list of interested communities.*

15. **Next Meeting, 16th of November 2002**

The Micmac nation of Gespeg and the Maritime Fishermen’s Union will present their groups at the next meeting.

15b. **Others**

No additional points

16. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3h00pm.