



Coalition pour la viabilité du sud du Golfe du Sainte-Laurent
Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability

Annual General Meeting of the Membership, Pugwash, NS

Réunion annuelle des membres

13-14 juin 2014- 13th and 14th of June 2014

Friday June 13/ Vendredi le 13 Juin

In Attendance: Alice Power, Remi Donelle, Anita Doucet, Brigitte Leblon & Eric, David Boyce, Annie Johnson, Marie-Helen Theriault.

Regrets: Tanya Dykens, Julie Guillemont, Sebastien Doiron, Robert Capozzi.

5:00 pm Roundtable: Everyone was introduced and each described their interests and projects they are working on. Everyone agreed there is a need to recruit new members, especially representatives from First Nations and Quebec: North Shore Mi'kmaq district council in Eel River, NB (Contact- Jim Warren, Randy will send the information) and Gaspé First Nations (Leo St. Lorange-he has biologist that works for him).

5:45 pm: Opening remarks and introductions. Remi discussed the coalition. It has been a transition period for the coalition. Last year we had to sub-contract projects to member groups. We need to look to the future and develop more projects with the membership.

5:50 pm: Agenda approval and elections were deferred until Saturday.

6:00 pm: Lobster Supper

7:00 pm : Presentation, Alice Power, Friends of the Pugwash Estuary

Saturday June 14/ Samedi le 14 Juin

9:00 am Meeting called to order by Remi Donelle, President.

9:10 am David motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Randy, all in favor, so moved.

9:20 Steering Committee Elections

Remi put forth a nomination for Alice Power to stay on as NGO NS representative, seconded by David. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, None opposed. So moved.

Remi put forth a nomination for Marie-Helene Theriault to stay on as the federal government representative, seconded by Alice. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

Remi put forth a nomination for Sebastien Doiron to stay on as the municipal government representative (NB), seconded by Alice. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

David put forth a nomination for Remi Donelle to stay on as the business representative (NB), seconded by Randy. David asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

Remi put forth a nomination for Anita Doucet to stay on as the NGO representative (NB), seconded by Randy. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

New Steering Committee Members:

Remi put forth a nomination for Bridget Leblon be the public at large representative (NB), seconded by David. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

Randy put forth a nomination for Joanne Cook to be the NGO representative (NS), seconded by David. Randy asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

10:00 am Management Committee Elections

President- No nominations. Remi agreed to serve as interim president.

Counsellor- Marie-Helene would like to nominate Brigitte Leblon as Counsellor on the management committee (to replace Tanya Dykens). Randy seconded the nomination. Marie-Helene asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

Secretary- Remi nominated Annie to remain as secretary for the coalition. David seconded. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

Treasurer- Remi nominated Anita for treasurer, Alice seconded. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

Counsellor- Remi nominated Alice to stay on as counsellor. Annie seconded. Remi asked for any other nominations 3 times. None. All in favor, none opposed. So moved.

10:30 am Project Reporting:

- **Marie-Helene- Marie gave an overview of the CAMP Program & Northumberland Straight Environmental monitoring partnership (NorSt-EMP).**
- **CABIN Report- Angela reviewed information from BBEMA on CABIN.**
- **Exec Director Report- Angela gave a summary of work completed since her hiring and plans for the future.**

11:00 am Financial Update (Remi)

Ending March 31st, 2014

\$34000 down from \$52000 from Environment Canada

\$25000 DFO CAMP program

\$11000 for summer students (Canada Summer Jobs)

CURA Project- not renewed last year, Angela will look into getting this up and running again.

The coalition had less income as there was no executive director to oversee and apply for funding. We had to hire BBEMP to sub contract (\$11200) & research institute for final reports.

Operating expenses- hired out to do admin, etc. Funding was late (too late to hire coordinator).

Remi moves to adopt the financial report as presented, seconded by David. All in favor of adopting report. None opposed. So moved.

***Bank signatories**

Remi proposed the president, past president, executive director and treasurer become signatories on bank acct: Remi Donelle, David Boyce, Anita Doucet and Angela Douglas. Randy seconded. All in favor. None opposed. So moved. Angela will send this information to RBC and each person will have to go to their closest branch to sign onto the account.

11:30 am Volunteer Working Groups

Training for CABIN: Angela will see if there is enough groups interested. Equipment and analysis: borrow equipment, kick net. BBEMA has water quality monitoring equipment.

New project: pilot program where we amalgamate CABIN/CAMP/land use/ geospatial analysis. Fund a student at UNB perhaps. Masters project? Research Assistant program through DFO. FSWEF, etc. List of data available. We need a project committee with: CABIN, representative from Environment Canada, DFO rep, UNB, RBC funding (3 years) we can get matching funds through NSERC with university affiliation. Up to date land use data on wetland mapping, training, etc. Propose volunteer working group: Brigitte, Marie-Helene, Angela.

TD Environment Fund: Look at Environment Canada projects. Money for CABIN samples to be analyzed and put on the website/in a database. .

AEI- Strategic plan updating (can we put that in for this year? 10-15,00 for capacity building, AGM, website, etc).

Money to help CAMP groups (honorarium). Bryson (project)- what is the total mileage for groups helping with CAMP? Marie-Helene will send info to Bryson. Get an idea of how far groups have to travel for CAMP.

Remi- has information from previous brainstorming session regarding projects; he will send to me.

Science, Research & Habitat- hasn't been active for 2 years. Need to initiate new projects.

Coastal Erosion Group- was very active, Angela will be in contact with Jen Graham at CZC.

Membership fees (we have over 500 members)? What do you want to see over the next 5 years, etc. Angela will send a survey (see below) around to groups/members in the near future.

Meeting on planning in the fall: 'Pre-strategic plan meeting/Future Direction.' Location tbd. Sept/Oct. Property guys bld in Moncton/Superstore, etc. Online survey on what groups want/need from the coalition: survey monkey.4/5 questions. Build strategic plan based on responses. Invite members at large to a meeting in the future.

12:00 pm Motion that we adjourn the meeting by Remi. Seconded by Alice. Next management committee meeting in July/August, steering committee in the fall.