



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

Mapleton Park/Lodge à 600 Mapleton Rd, Moncton, NB
Dec 5th2017

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Remi Donelle, Al Hansen, Colleen MacNeil, Annie Johnson, Brigitte Leblon, Armand LaRocque, Marc Skinner, Dave Forsey, Tim Roberts, Ryan Leblanc, Shane Boyd, Denise Roy, Billie Joe Fowler, Anita Doucet, Simon Courtenay, Angela Douglas.

11:00 AM Opening Remarks- Welcome & Introductions

11:05 AM Approval of last meeting minutes and items arising

- Simon noted a misspelling of Andrew Boghen's name in the past meeting minutes. Simon moved a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Remi, all in favor, none contrary minded. So moved.

11:10 AM Agenda Approval

- Remi requested the addition of 'Management committee meeting dates' to the current agenda. Brigitte moved a motion to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Anita. All in favor, none contrary minded. So moved.

11 :15 AM President's Report (B. Leblon)

- Brigitte expressed thanks for everyone in attendance, especially those from ECCC as well as thanks for continued support via our AEI grant. In terms of DFO CRI, she is hopeful we will be successful in the next round. She mentioned the need for a newsletter to target young members in the Coalition. As for the SEED program, we will need to advertise for a position sooner next year to get a viable candidate as the lottery system is not optimal.

11 :30 AM Financial Report (A. Doucet)

- Anita reviewed the financial documents prepared by Benoit, McGraw and Paulin. A discussion regarding a list of equipment to be added to these documents as we continue to purchase monitoring equipment, laptop, projector and it would be valuable to have for insurance purposes. Angela will develop.
- Remi moved a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, seconded by Brigitte. All in favor, none contrary minded. So moved.

11 :45 AM Constitutional Amendments

- The group would like to replace ‘steering committee’ with management committee/working groups as it is difficult to fill all of the positions and we are running a mainly project-based group currently. Also, as many in government have stepped back from sitting on boards, it can be difficult to get people actively participating.
- Future amendments to bylaws:
 - Quorum will be at least one half the management committee plus 10 members;
 - Add the option to e-vote
 - Remove the words ‘steering committee’ and replace with ‘management committee’ including two councilors from each province, one student representative. If provincial seats cannot be filled, representatives from any province may fill the seats.

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12:00-1:00 PM Lunch (provided)

1 :00 PM Nomination and election of Management Committee Officers and Members

- Brigitte Leblon- President (another term, vote by acclamation)
- Marc Skinner- Vice President (another term, vote by acclamation).
- Remi Donelle (Will remain Past President as long as Brigitte remains President).
- Simon Courtenay- PEI Academic representative (another term, vote by acclamation).
- Dave Forsey- Student representative (nominated by B.Lebлон, seconded by A.LaRocque, all in favor, none contrary minded, so moved).
- Brennan Gaudet – PEI Representative (nominated by B.Lebлон, seconded by A.LaRocque, all in favor, none contrary minded, so moved).
- Angela contacted Andrew Boghen – NB Academic Representative (nominated by S. Courtenay, seconded by B.Lebлон, all in favor, none contrary minded, so moved).

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1:20 PM Project Reporting (A. Douglas).

- Angela reviewed all of the projects currently being done by the Coalition. A discussion on the impacts of geese on eelgrass habitats as well as AIS ensued. D. Forsey will ask colleagues at DFO what info is available regarding AIS.

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2 :00 PM Atl-EMC Report (See presentations by both Dave and Tim)

- David Forsey
- Tim Roberts

2 :30 PM Roundtable Discussion

3:30 PM Meeting Adjournment