

# SAUGEEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation through Cooperation

# MINUTES

**MEETING:** Board of Directors  
**DATE:** Thursday, May 29, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Administration Office, Formosa

**CHAIR:** Bill Scriven

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Roland Anstett, Maureen Couture, John Eccles, Brian Gamble, Wilf Gamble, Peter Hambly, Diane Huber, Glen Irwin, David Kell, Dan Kerr, Carl Zettel

**DIRECTORS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:** Terry Fisk, Doug Gowanlock, Mike Leggett

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Valerie Wilkins, Accounting/Administrative Clerk  
Gary Senior, Sr. Manager, Flood Warning & Land Management  
Members of the Press

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION #G14-28**

Moved by Dan Kerr  
Seconded by Diane Huber  
THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

The Chair welcomed Maureen Couture to the SVCA.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No persons declared a conflict of pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – March 27, 2014

**MOTION #G14-29**

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on March 27, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

Glen Irwin joined the meeting at this time.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bluffs Campground Update

Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer asked for guidance from the Board as to how to proceed with consultation to the public, seasonal campers & Municipalities of potentially leasing out part of the Saugeen Bluffs land. The Chair stated only half of the property would be leased and that SVCA would like to maintain use of the property for the events which are held at the Saugeen Bluffs. Diane Huber suggested we need to provide a report to potential tenants to show revenue versus expenses. The GM/ST stated leasing the land would be a positive cash flow for SVCA. The Parks Committee members were in agreement to touring the Bluffs campground and then assisting the GM/ST in finalizing the terms of reference. It was also noted that, Jim Penner, Manager, Forestry would need to be part of this tour due to the Ash trees at the Saugeen Bluffs. The Board was in agreement that the GM/ST will talk to the seasonal campers at Saugeen Bluffs sometime in June.

The Chair asked for a new member to be part of the Parks Committee, as Ron Coristine has resigned from the board. Maureen Couture has accepted the position in place of Ron Coristine.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Municipality of Kincardine – letter stating the replacement of Ron Coristine with Maureen Couture – noted & filed.

Conservation Ontario – letter and copies provided of the Conservation Ontario’s 2013 Annual Report entitled: Driving Innovations – noted & filed.

6. REPORTS

Chairman

The Chair reported on talks with the GM/ST about the potential of leasing the Administration building at Sulphur Spring CA. The Chair stated at the last Foundation meeting their board is looking into building an animal barn as the old barn is not in good shape; they may be able to get some other funding towards the new barn.

The Chair reported he has not attended the recent Conservation Ontario meetings; however, GM/ST attends and informs the Chair.

Finance Report

**MOTION #G14-30**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by John Eccles

THAT the Financial Report to March 31, 2014, be accepted as distributed and further;

THAT the Accounts Payable, totaling \$573,820.63 for January, February, March & April 2014, be approved as distributed.

**Carried**

Program Report

Diane Huber asked GM/ST if the Maple Syrup Festival took advantage of the stored syrup this year. GM/ST replied he'll find out from Shannon Wood.

Peter Hambly inquired if there were any serious issues due to flooding in the area. There is to be a full report later in the meeting.

**MOTION #G14-31**

Moved by Roland Anstett

Seconded by Glen Irwin

THAT the Program Report be adopted as presented, and further;

THAT the Permits as identified in Report #6b and dated May 29, 2014, be approved by the Board of Directors.

**Carried**

Executive Committee Closed Session Minutes – March 27, 2014

**MOTION #G14-32**

Moved by Peter Hambly

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the draft minutes of the Executive Committee Closed Session, held on March 27, 2014, be received.

**Carried**

Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes – May 6, 2014

**MOTION #G14-33**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by Wilf Gamble

THAT the draft minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call, held on May 6, 2014, be received.

**Carried**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Flood Warning & Control Update

Gary Senior reviewed preliminary numbers and statistics outlined in the report to the Board. Gary showed the Board interesting pictures before and during the flood of this spring 2014.

A copy of Report #7a, entitled 2014 Spring Flood, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

The Chair thanked Gary on an excellent presentation.

The GM/ST stated to the Board the Flood Warning Watch Crew were well organized and did an excellent job during the flooding working through the night without complaints.

Gary Senior left the meeting at this time.

Conservation Ontario

GM/ST reviewed the report to the Board outlining the benefits each department receives under Conservation Ontario to justify the annual membership levy paid to Conservation Ontario. The Board agreed the report was very detailed and the SVCA does benefit from being part of Conservation Ontario.

A copy of the Report #7b, entitled Conservation Ontario, is appended to the office copy of these minutes.

Source Water Protection

The GM/ST attended two workshops, which were well attended by various municipalities. The Source Water Committee will have an ongoing role with respect to two focal areas; educating the public and land owners about clean drinking water and ongoing reporting of data collection by municipalities which is summarized then sent to the Ministry.

The GM/ST explained the risks of the SVCA being the lead authority. The risks include Source Water being over budget or the possibility of no more funding by the Province. The SVCA members of the Source Water Management Committee are in the process of negotiating a new Memorandum of Understanding with the other agencies which will include a sharing of financial risk.

**MOTION #G14-34**

Moved by Maureen Couture

Seconded by Dan Kerr

THAT the Drinking Water Source Protection Management Committee be authorized to extend the Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) between Saugeen Conservation, Grey Sauble Conservation and the Municipality of North Bruce Peninsula for a further five years to October 3, 2017 AND further that the Committee be authorized to accept a section to be added to the MoU to establish that there be a sharing of any financial burden that may be assessed against or become the responsibility of the Lead

Protection Authority resulting from its duties as Lead Authority.

**Carried**

Personnel Policy Amendment: Health & Dental Benefits

Due to there being no policy for health and dental premiums while on long term disability, an amendment to the personnel policy has been suggested by the Executive Committee.

**MOTION #G14-35**

Moved by David Kell

Seconded by Peter Hambly

THAT the Personnel Policy be amended to include section 35.06 under Group Insurance Benefits with the following wording: Employees who are on Long Term Disability (LTD) coverage can remain on the Group Benefits program. SVCA will continue to pay the premium for health and dental coverage for the first two years that the employee is on LTD. For the four subsequent years SVCA will pay one half of the health and dental premium provided the employee pays the other half. After six years on LTD the employee may stay on the Group Benefits program provided they pay 100% of the premium cost.

**Carried**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Closed Session, In Camera

**MOTION G14-36**

Moved by Dan Kerr

Seconded by John Eccles

THAT the Board of Directors move to Closed Session, In Camera, to discuss property that abuts the Durham campground and further;

THAT Wayne Brohman and Valerie Wilkins remain in the meeting.

**Carried**

**MOTION #G14-37**

Moved by Brian Gamble

Seconded by Roland Anstett

THAT the Board of Directors adjourn from Closed Session, In Camera, and rise and report.

**Carried**

Only those items identified on the agenda were discussed in Closed Session. There were no actions to report from the Closed Session, In Camera.

9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diane Huber noted that pictures of the flood debris at the Southampton River mouth would have been interesting.

John Eccles reported on how smoothly the board is running.

The Chair reported on the excellent management efforts.

The GM/ST, asked for guidance on when to visit the municipalities after the election of new councilors. The Chair replied if there is a new mayor the GM/ST may want to attend the first meeting and also it may be a good idea to send a letter to the clerk in each municipality offering to attend a council meeting or orientation session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm on motion of Peter Hambly.

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Bill Scriven  
Chair

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Valerie Wilkins  
Recording Secretary