

Communications Committee Meeting

July 4, 2018

SEAWA Office 41 – 419 3rd Street SE

Start: 2:30pm

Participants: Jass Baidwan, Gary Lentz, Marilou Montemayor, Martha Munz-Gue, Patrick Jablkowski, Natasha Rogers, Karen Saffran, Seline Solis.

Regrets: Cathy Linowski, Olivia Sederburg

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order 3:28 pm.
2. Adoption of the agenda by Jass Baidwan, seconded by Martha Munz-Gue.

Carried.
3. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes April 19, 2018 by Martha Munz-Gue, seconded by Jass Baidwan.

Carried.
4. Review of Action Items from minutes of March 8 by Marilou Montemayor.
5. Communications Committee Member Approval: Angela Walsh was approved to be a member of the communications committee.
6. Create a calendar of events.
7. Earth Day- Collaborate with HATsmart for 2019.
8. Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede:
 - Send a sign-up time sheet to SEAWA members for volunteer recruitment
 - Set up a water station at the downtown Stampede parade with a sign that advertises water
 - SEAWA will have booth at the Country in the City Exhibit. Ask coordinator if SEAWA must be there all four days.
9. Water Treatment Plant Tour: is on July 13th, attend tour.
10. Worm Farm Tour: Confirm dates with Roxanne Doerksen (owner) for tour.
11. Set up a water station at the Chili Cook Off. Bring brochures, info sheets, donation box, and

SEAWA membership, mailing list, and volunteer forms.

12. Downtown Art Walk: Next one is September 28, 2018. Maureen Newton from Inspire Café is our contact to inquire about SEAWA's participation.

13. November forum: Proposed theme – Biodiversity in Riparian Areas of the SEAWA watershed.

- Natasha is to contact potential speakers.

13.1. Tentative topics and speakers:

- Snakes – AB Fish and Wildlife lady.
- Birds- Phil Horch; Robert Frew (may not like speaking); Milt Spitzer.
- Frogs- Leopard Frogs – Someone from GoA.
- Macroinvertebrates – Someone from Medicine Hat College.
- Fish – Was already covered at April 2018 forum.
- Beavers – Ask Kirby England (Cows and Fish) to present on his research.
- Riparian aerial assessment results – Maggie is producing a 4-page highlight of the report for distribution at the forum and posting on the website.
- Leafy spurge control results.

13.2. Speakers for when SEAWA hosts the WPAC Summit (future)

- John Acorn could slot into a non-scientific speaking role.
- Maybe co-sponsored with Grassland Naturalists and Praxis.
- Could be a fundraiser/profile builder.
- Linking this to a larger event (environmental day, water day) if possible.
- 50/50 draw and silent auction.

14. Summer student job description: Next year's summer student job description will be changed since school outreach is no longer the main focus.

15. Power Down Challenge: Jass is to write an article about the City of Medicine Hat's Power Down Challenge to be published in the SEAWA newsletter.

16. Adjourn: Karen Saffran declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.