

## Board Meeting

Zoom meeting, July 8, 2021, 3:00-4:30 pm

Attending: Ryan Davison, Alf Belyea, Allison Campbell, Amber Zary, Greg Paxman, Jean Beriault, Karen Saffran, Mike Zmurchyk, Selene David, Stuart Murray, Tina Regehr, Martha Munz Gue, Marilou Montemayor, Ben White

### Minutes

1. Call to order by the Chair, Ryan Davison – 3 pm
2. Adoption of the agenda; any deletion/addition to the agenda (**Doc1**) - with 2 additions, moved by Stuart Murray, seconded by Amber Zary CARRIED.  
There was a request for a list of board of directors. A new list will be prepared for submission to the Corporate Registry and that will also be shared with the board.
3. Review and approval of the Board meeting draft minutes of May 13, 2021 (**Doc2**) – Marilou reviewed the minutes of May 13, 2021 board meeting. From May 13 minutes, Item 7.4 clarification on 2 Medicine Hat restoration sites (in partnership with City of Medicine Hat) are being featured in Green Communities Guide produced by Land Stewardship Centre.  
June 5 Environment Week at Connaught Pond: partnered with Grasslands Naturalists  
To approve May 13, 2021 minutes as presented, moved by Alf Belyea, seconded by Mike Zmurchyk CARRIED
  - 3.1. Review of action items - Marilou Montemayor - #3 Alberta Health gave permission to collect water samples that they will analyze.  
#4 Marilou has to draft letter to Municipal Works (MW) about possible restoration ideas/funding opportunities. Discussion about the draw/spring area, slumping, erosion, etc. 3 possible partners: MW likely concerned with erosion protection; we (SEAWA) are concerned with restoration and plants; Archaeology Society concerned with conservation of artifacts and site erosion for tourism. Selene David brought Saamis Archaeological site erosion to attention of Pikani Nation elder and they did a ceremony there to show they do care about the site. Selene can ask elders but needs direction about wording.  
SEAWA already suggested in the MDP feedback that City of Medicine Hat needs an environmental master plan.  
Marilou will ask MW if they would like to do a presentation/discussion with us at a SEAWA board meeting.
  - 3.2. Grant application for SWPP – Karen Saffran, Chair, Technical Committee – Karen has submitted a letter of inquiry (LOI) to Alberta Real Estate Foundation (AREF), they have followed up to meet with us re: "Source water characterization for Medicine Hat and Redcliff."  
\$50,000 grant application, 9 month project getting everything on GIS maps to use as a management/education tool – where water is coming from, where it goes/is used, risk

assessment, for South Saskatchewan River Watershed (scope larger than just Medicine Hat and Redcliff areas: South SK River, Bow River, and Oldman), well locations, gas lines, topography, slopes, land use, paved areas, etc. (plus add layer for weather-hydrological study).

If we get the grant, requests for proposals to consultants, what can they do for \$50,000? Also factor in what AREF would find useful, maybe put on their website.

#### New Business

4. Election of SEAWA Officers 2021-2022: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer - Alf Belyea moved to nominate Marilou Montemayor to be chair of election of officers, Ryan Davison seconded CARRIED

Chairman – Ryan Davison – nominated by Alf Belyea, carried by acclamation. Ryan took over the election of the remaining officers of the board.

Vice Chairman – Alf Belyea – nominated by Karen Saffran, carried by acclamation

Secretary – Tina Regehr – nominated by Ryan Davison, carried by acclamation

Treasurer – Karen Saffran – nominated by Alf Belyea, carried by acclamation

#### Information

5. Future Ground Network community initiative – Martha Munz Gue, Chair, Communications Committee – In Medicine Hat, Council of Canadians (David Condon) and Grasslands Naturalists (Ian Turner) have agreed to join Future Ground Network. Ryan Davison said: Put on agenda to discuss at our next board meeting.
6. WPACs and Municipal Study synopsis, University of Lethbridge – Marilou Montemayor – Reviewed WPAC key findings and benefits of WPAC's to municipalities.
7. Watercraft Inspection Stations needed – Mike Zmurchyk – In 2020 they were down to 3 inspection stations, Mike said they discussed this issue at their last board meeting – a SMRID issue of concern. SEAWA can give support in letter to the minister of environment.
8. SEAWA finances, staff, grant applications, and activities update – Marilou Montemayor.  
Staff positions: 2 summer staff, Ian Mahon and Alexi Nelson. Alexi resigned, and Larry Paik is taking over for her position for July/August. Ben White going back to school in September so will be resigning 2nd week of August (lots of planting to be done until then).  
By end of this 2021 season, we have restored 11 km of riparian areas in 4 locations, with ~1000 plants surviving – another 2 seasons of maintenance and then they should survive on their own.  
Riparian Tour Sat. July 24, 8:30-11:30 am, Yeast site, TWP 104 near Seven Persons (SMIRD property)
9. ED Q1 Report (**Doc3**) – will not be read at the meeting to save time
10. Reminder: May newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/78b4c030f9d4/seawa-summer-news-5088421>
11. Adjournment - Selene David moved, seconded by Greg Paxman, 4:50 pm.