

Environment North

AGM 2015

Location: Mary JL Black Library @ Edward Street

Call to Order: 6:20 pm April 15, 2015

There was a motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Kirsten Odber 2nd by: Kerstin Muth carried

There was a motion to approve the 2014 AGM Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Scott Harris 2nd by: Julee Boan carried

The Annual Report listed our past year's activities: government and committee advocacy, such as the Energy East comments to the Ontario Energy Board. There was an overview of our fundraiser, speaker series and CJ newspaper articles. The 2014 Financial Report was deferred due to the treasurer's absence.

A motion was made to accept the 2014 Annual Report.

Moved by: Susan Grinstead 2nd by: Lucy Lafromboise carried

A presentation cheque was made to the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists. It was accepted by Dr. Susan Bryan, Nature Reserve Chair and Dr. David Legge, TBFN Chair. They told us that their membership is approximately 200 people. Over a 25 year period, more than 4,000 acres in 14 reserve areas have been purchased for protection by TBFN. Some areas are pristine and don't require remediation. They have recently acquired Hare Island from a family endowment. For more information on their preservation areas go to their website. www.tbfnet.net

Elections

There was a call for nominations to be open.

The term continues for the following: Julee, Scott and Lea. Susan, Lucy, Kirsten, Roopa, Karen and Graham agree to return to the board.

There was a motion to accept the new 2015 – 2016 EN Board.

The new EN board members for 2015-2016 are: Julee Boan, Susan Grinstead, Scott Harris, Lucy Lafromboise, Lea Matyuska, Kirsten Odber, Karen Peterson, Roopa Rakshit and Graham Saunders.

Moved by: Janice Horgos 2nd by: Kerstin Muth

Announcements

The upcoming EFN Festival is May 6th – 10th, 2015 @ Paramount Theatre. For more information, see their website. www.efilmnetwork.wordpress.com

Kerstin Muth is the chair of the energy committee for the Thunder Bay EarthCare working group.

On June 17th, 2015, Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians will present a Blue Community Certificate to the City of Thunder Bay.

Speaker John Stevenson

Mr. Stevenson spoke about energy efficient architecture. Somewhere between 35–48% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are from buildings and that the goal for 2035 is to make all structures efficient. This will involve changes to building permits, research in and use of technologies in efficiency and renewable energy sources included in design strategies. Green buildings should use passive solar, photovoltaics, ground heat sources and other developments to achieve efficiency. For more on this go to www.architecture2030.org