Environment North Minutes Tuesday, Oct 22, 2019

Location: Lucy's 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Board Members:

Dodie LeGassick (chair) Lucy Laframboise Graham Saunders Scott Harris

Susan Grinstead (recording)

Member: Kerstin Muth

Acronyms: listed at end

Board Business:

Motion #1: To approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Graham Seconded by: Lucy Carried

Motion #2: To approve minutes for Sept 24, 2019 as amended.

Moved by: Susan Seconded by: Lucy Carried

Motion #3: To approve the Treasurer's Report read by Graham in Lea's absence.

Moved by: Graham Seconded by: Scott Carried

Review & Business Arising

NWMO

Dodie reported that deputations were given to the O'Connor and Conmee Township Councils. One table has been booked for the Vickers Heights community yard sale on Sat. Oct. 26th; one table has been booked at the Farmer's Market for 3 weeks. One table has been booked at the Rural 60 building near Kakabeka on Nov. 19th. Buttons and T-shirts will also be for sale at the tables. We will also advertise with posters and thru social media. Dodie submitted an invoice for Wendy, our computer technician for the NWMO presentations.

Provincial Policy Review

The Ontario government publishes its provincial policy and invites the public and organizations to review and approve the policies. Along with 80 different organizations, we were signatories and agreed to the policy review.

Pro Bono Law Students

Our law students will work for 4 hours/week for 6 months. One student will work on nuclear waste issues and another will work on Lake Superior problems. They will be creating a protocol for responsibility and clean-up. This is a pilot project with CELA, EN and the local School of Law. We expect it to continue in the future.

We are hoping to receive minutes from community liaison groups through the "Freedom of Information" act. Town councils are making decisions about a nuclear waste repository that is not inside their jurisdiction. There are also concerns from communities along the route that do not have input. NWMO has liability limitations which could be problematic. There was some discussion about Thunder Bay declaring the area to be a "Nuclear Weapons Free Zone". The posted signs were removed some time ago.

Website

We will pay \$100/year for Go Daddy usage. Korkola will talk to Go Daddy for us to help sort out our website problems.

High School Visitations

Six volunteer groups were introduced to Grade 10 students. Scott spoke about Environment North.

Next Meeting Tues. Nov. 26, 2019 5:30 – 8:30 pm @ Lucy's

Chair - Graham

Acronyms:

EN - Environment North

AGM - Annual General Meeting

CELA – Canadian Environmental Law Association

CJ – Chronicle Journal

CoC – Council of Canadians

CUSP – Citizen's United for a Sustainable Planet

LU – Lakehead University

MPP – Member of Provincial Parliament

NOMA – Northern Ontario Municipal Association

NWMO – Nuclear Waste Management Organization

PAC - Public Advisory Committee to the Thunder Bay RAP

RAP - Remedial Action Plan