

Environment North Minutes  
Of June 3, 2014

Location: Roopa Rakshit home @ Mount Forest Blvd.

Board Members:

Scott Harris - Chair	Lucy Laframboise	Lea Matyuska
Susan Grinstead	Kirsten Odber	Roopa Rakshit

Members at Large:

Brittany Young, Kerstin Muth

Board Business

**The agenda was approved as amended.**

Moved by: Lea                      2<sup>nd</sup> by: Roopa                      carried

**There was a motion to approve Brittany Young as the new interim board member.**

Moved by: Lea                      2<sup>nd</sup> by: Susan                      carried

**The May 2014 minutes were approved.**

Moved by: Lucy                      2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kirsten                      carried

Treasurer's Report

The Canada Revenue Tax return under the program areas pages states the allowable percentage of funding in our programs. They are as follows: 40% public education programs, 20% nature and habitat conservation, 20% species preservation and 20% research.

**The report was approved.**

Moved by: Scott                      2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lucy                      carried

Freshwater Future – new member

The cheque from Freshwater Future had to be returned because it was issued in USA funds instead of Canadian money.

**A motion was made for Graham to pursue the re-issue of a new cheque.**

Moved by: Kirsten                      2<sup>nd</sup> by: Susan                      carried

Congratulations and Thank you

Thank you cards were signed for MP's Elizabeth May and Bruce Hyer for hosting the fundraiser called "Earth Rhythms" for New Directions Speaker's Bureau, Indian Friendship Centre and Environment North.

We wish to congratulate our board member, Julee Boan PhD on receiving her Doctorate in Forest Foods. We are very lucky to have her expertise.

Speaker's Series

Our latest speaker, Ralph Martin, spoke about the importance of agriculture in schools and communities for food security, new skill developments, pride in the harvest, sharing and combatting CO2 emissions because food is locally grown. Examples of research and practise at the local level were also presented. There were new attendees and we had a lively and positive question and answer period.

The fall speaker will be planned soon. To insure that Environment North gets their logo on all shared activities, we can get approval quicker through an email vote instead of waiting for a monthly meeting, according to our bylaws.

Thunder Bay Field Naturalists

**A motion was made to give \$1,000 to the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists to purchase 11 km of Lake Superior shoreline by the Aguasabon River near Terrace Bay. The money is to come from our Lake Superior Initiative Fund.**

Moved by: Lea                    2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lucy                    carried

Quench

Quench is a new information website for tap water available in the City of Thunder Bay. There is an application for your smart phone or computer and there is a link on the city website. It lists and gives directions to all the offices and businesses that will allow you to refill your personal water bottle from their tap. Bay Credit Union is asking to join and also for a bicycle repair rack from Active Thunder Bay.

Contacts

Scott will contact Julee about the next article for the Chronicle Journal. The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) is emptying some of their library and wishes to know if we want anything. Scott will talk to Charlene about accessing the emails sent to EN. Alex MacLean, our volunteer, will be asked to join us at the social.

Next Meeting    BBQ and Potluck Social @ Scott Harris' 510 Ryerson Crescent.  
On Wed. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5:15 – 7:30 pm.  
Chair – Lea