

**LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sault Ste. Marie District**  
**Monday, February 11, 2002 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Roberta Bondar Building**

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**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Thompson, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:39 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made for the benefit of the guest speaker.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Brad Jourdin, seconded by Art Osborne. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE January 14, 2002 MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lise Vorlicek seconded by Allen Prodan. Motion carried.

**5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE January 14, 2002 MEETING**

- 1) Ron was to proceed with the process to recruit members for "Motorized Users" and "Non-Motorized Users". Ron handed out a recruitment summary which is attached to these minutes.
- 2) LCC members were to call Ron if they knew of any groups or associations that should be included in the recruitment process other than discussed at the meeting. No calls were received.
- 3) Ron was to advertise for a primary member for the Environment. See the attached recruitment summary.
- 4) Andy was to secure his nomination from the president of the Prospectors Association. Andy is not at tonight's meeting and MNR did not receive anything from the Association.
- 5) Art was to explore web site options. This will be included in tonight's Communication update.

- 6) The communications sub-committee is on tonight's agenda.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

Other than incoming and outgoing letters for the recruitment drive, there was no correspondence.

## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. *Guest Speaker - Bob Rollins - Wilderness Riders of Algoma*

Bob represents the motorized user segment of the public who utilize Crown land for recreational purposes in Algoma. The group includes snowmobilers, ATVers and bikers. The Wilderness Riders of Algoma are dedicated to the pursuit of freedom of access to Crown land for all users with due respect for environmental concerns.

The group started up because the Sault Trailblazers put in a route north of the Whitman Dam Road and now the people that used the Crown land have OFSC trails in front and behind them. Also, Bill 101 has had an impact on their access.

The Wilderness Riders are looking for support from the LCC in order to make changes to Bill 101 for traditional users. They feel that their rights have been violated. They also feel that the Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs may also go the same way as the OFSC.

The Wilderness Riders feel that all parties can share the trails and respect each others right to use them.

Bob reviewed the fee structure in other parts of the country and the U.S. saying that if the Ontario fees were in the \$30.00 to \$50.00 range then that would be acceptable.

He also highlighted the increased trail fees on tourism saying that some Americans are staying away because they think that they are being robbed if they come to Ontario.

They also want no further privatization of Crown land trails and also have a concern with Land Use Permits being issued by MNR for water crossing structures that can be closed off to the public.

They would like to work with all groups to find a compromise.

There are currently 350 members in his group which runs north to the Goulais River. There are also other similar groups in Kenora, Timmins and Muskoka.

Bob explained that the group has no interest in influencing the forest industry or establishing LUPs on Crown land. They want to build credibility for the group. The group is non-profit and memberships fees are \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.

Mike Thompson explained the role of the LCC with respect to forest management and thanked Bob for coming.

### 2. *Communications Plan - Art Osborne*

Art passed out 3 handouts to members present. The first handout outlined the objectives, messages, overall theme, tools required and tasks.

The group still needs to work on the key messages and the task chart needs to be filled.

Another handout gave a rough outline of what the display unit might look like. The sub-committee will be looking for photos of activities by group or sector. The proposed banner on the display unit is "YOUR FOREST - YOUR SAY".

Ron mentioned that the sub-committee has \$2,000.00 to work with.

The third handout was a schedule for members to man the booth. Kitty volunteered to solicit members to ensure that the booth is manned at all times.

**ACTION: All members to see Kitty with their preferred time slots.**

Some members present gave Kitty their time slots for the booth.

**ACTION: Kitty to give Ron the schedule by Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in order for it to be included in the mailout with the minutes.**

**NOTE: Kitty has provided the draft schedule which is attached to these minutes. If there are any changes please contact Kitty directly.**

**ACTION: Ron to get the MNR display unit and give to Mike Thompson.**

Mike agreed to round up all the material for the booth. Art will look after the Tabloid and the web site.

Art has set up the web site with Lucidia Studios Ltd. The price for two years was \$100.00. The web site is [www.algomaforestlcc.org](http://www.algomaforestlcc.org)

The sub-committee will meet again prior to the next LCC meeting and report back in March.

### **3. FMP Update - Jim Miller**

Jim handed out the FMP amendment and AWS updates along with the monthly compliance report.

Jim briefed the members present on an amendment proposal that he will be submitting to MNR shortly. The proposal will request that a portion of the Carp River Road be changed from tertiary to secondary in order to allow wood to be hauled on that road rather than the Tribag Road which is unsafe in spots and impacts both the Batchawana River and the candidate waterway park. Currently, the tertiary portion of the Carp River Road can be driven by a half ton truck but requires some reconstruction in order to make it safe. Domtar is proposing to do this work this summer. The District Manager will decide whether this is an administrative or minor amendment. The LCC will be asked to provide advice at a future meeting.

A briefing note from Jim is attached to these minutes.

### **4. District Update - Ron Reffle**

Ron handed out the District Update to all members present.

### **5. LCC Budget - Ron Reffle**

Ron handed out the LCC budget review to all members present.

## **6. New Business**

### **1). News Releases - Ron Reffle**

Ron handed out several recent news releases to all members present.

### **2). Binders - Ron Reffle**

Ron mentioned that he will bring a supply of binders to the next meeting for members to put their LCC minutes and handouts in for the 2002 year.

### **3). Mileage Rate**

Ron mentioned that MNR has increased the mileage rate to 34.25 cents per kilometre retro-active back to April 1, 2001 and asked the members present if he should reimburse members that have had mileage claims since April 1<sup>st</sup>. The total is about \$185.00 . Members present supported this payment.

### **4). RAC Minutes**

Ron has copies of the September 2000, November 2000 and March 2001 RAC minutes. If anyone wants a copy then give Ron a call.

### **5). Working Forest**

Mike showed members present a copy of the Jan. 2002 Working Forest newspaper which had an article on the Chapleau Regional LCC Workshop. It featured quotes and pictures of Mike Thompson and Brad Jourdin from our LCC. If anyone wants a copy they could call Mike.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kitty Lewis, seconded by Brad Jourdin. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday March 11, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the Roberta Bondar Building.**

Ron Reffle  
Recording Secretary  
Local Citizens' Committee

Attachments