

LOCAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING
Sault Ste. Marie District
Monday, January 12, 2004 - 5:30 p.m.
Sartini Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allen Prodan, Chairman called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 5:35 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were not required.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Kerry Sinibaldi. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2003 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brad Jourdin, seconded by Mike Thompson. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2003 MEETING

1. Ron paid the invoice for the Great Outdoor Show.
2. Kitty will address this action item under New Business.
3. Ron provided the list to CFS.
4. Ron arranged the new location for tonight's meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ron provided members present with a copy of a letter inviting LCC members to an MNR Northeast Region Wildlife Management and Science Needs Analysis Project session to be held in Bruce Mines on February 3rd. Contact Andre Dupont, Algoma Area Biologist if you are interested or require more information.
2. Michael Thompson received the proceedings from the LCC Regional Workshop held last fall. Call Ron if you would like to read the package.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Current FMP Update -Jim Miller

Jim provided members present with the compliance summary report. Ron stated that there were no new FMP amendments or AWS revisions.

Jim provided the committee with an update of operations by Midway Lumber. Midway contractors are currently operating in the Snare Lake block and Snow Township block. Dave Zeppa will be moving to the Wood Creek block in February.

Michael Thompson stated that operations in Blocks 33 and 102 have been suspended for the winter and that the Mile 67 Road will not be ploughed. Avery will spend the rest of the winter in Block 35. Henson is in Blocks 17 and 97 and later will move to Block 20 at Second Avenue. Block 28 will be completed later. Dumas is in Block 18 at Silver Creek.

St. Marys is not operating in Algoma this year.

2. LCC FMP Update - Jeff Hinich

Copies of Jeff's FMP meeting report for the January 6th. meeting were handed out to LCC members present. The dates for the next open house is March 11th and 12th in the Sault at the Legion. The proposal is to run the open house on the 11th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and the time on the 12th would run from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Jeff mentioned that Art Osborne made a proposal at the January FMP meeting asking the planning team if they would like to rent the booth beside the LCC one at the Great Outdoor Show. Gary Raines explained that it could be used to supplement the open house for comments on the FMP. There was general discussion from members present with the consensus that the LCC should arrange for an expanded booth in order to provide a focus on the Algoma Forest planning process.

ACTION: Art to make arrangements for the expanded booth and Ron to arrange payment.

ACTION: Art to prepare a preliminary sketch of the booth layout.

Jeff stated that the next FMP planning meeting is scheduled for February 3rd in Wawa.

3. FMP Next Steps - Jim Miller

Jim stated that David de Geus (who now works for Clergue) would make a presentation on the status of the AOC planning and the NDPE (Natural Disturbance Patterns Emulation).

David led the committee through a series of slides outlining the current status of AOC planning. He explained that the majority of AOC prescriptions come from the various MNR guides. Some AOC prescriptions are locally created for values that have no provincial guides such as trails and are developed in consultation with interested parties (i.e. LCC, trail users).

Paul Foisy had several questions on the AOC for the OFSC trails. Paul will discuss this topic in more detail with Jim Miller.

David then led the committee through a slide presentation introducing NDPE and how it may impact the plan. Another NDPE presentation will be made after allocations are completed and the NDPE model has been run. This will show the impact of NDPE and the planning team decisions on the Algoma Forest.

4. FMP questions and Answers - All

There were no questions at this time.

5. Communications - All

This was discussed earlier concerning the Great Outdoor Show.

6. Budget - Ron Reffle

Ron handed out a copy of the LCC budget and expenditure report. Due to the costs of supporting the LCC rep on the planning team, the committee's costs will exceed the allocation. Ron will attempt to find other funding sources for some of these expenditures.

8. New Business

1. Kitty Lewis reported back on her action item concerning the protection of trappers' values in other FMPs. She had talked to several trappers that are on other planning teams and they are saying that trappers' values receive no special protection. She mentioned that on the Northshore Forest, the planning team is proposing a reduction to their current prescription. Kitty handed out a report from the Forestry and Furbearers conference from last spring outlining the impacts that forestry has on traplines. She also mentioned that, in Canada, trapping generates the same value to the country as tourism. Kitty stated that some of the major issues are the destruction of trails and the removal of crossings. She did mention that the local trappers have a good working relationship with Clergue and their partner companies. It was suggested that the Trappers meet with the planning team to further discuss AOCs for trappers' values.
2. Brad Jourdin provided the committee with an update on the Regional Advisory Committee's (RAC) last meeting concerning the access issue. Brad has a copy of the RAC minutes and Ron will send it out on email.
3. Jim Miller outlined the current poor state that Envirothon is in. He handed out a letter from the Algoma Forest Coalition (AFC) to the LCC outlining the issue and requesting financial support of \$200.00. AFC has sent a similar letter to 25 potential industry participants.
ACTION: LCC to discuss at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Pedersen, seconded by Mike Thompson and carried by all members. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 9th**. at 5:30pm at the **Sartini Restuarant**.

Ron Reffle
Recording Secretary
Local Citizens' Committee
Attachments