

Board of Directors Meeting (Draft Minutes)

Big Pond Firehall & On-Line meeting June 26, 2020 1:30 to 4:30

Present: At venue Bruce Hatcher (Chair), Fred White (Secretary), Eliot Frosst, Don Crosby, Gordon Kerr, Ivan Doncaster. On-Line: Rod Beresford, Maureen Cameron- Mac Millan, Foncie Farrell, Jim Foulds, Madeline Harvey, Annamarie Hatcher, Tom Johnson, Stan Johnson, Pierre La Rochelle, Brian MacDougall, Tracy Marshall, Liz Mac Cormack.

Regrets:

1. Chair calls meeting to order at 1:31 pm, welcomes all, identifies regrets from Board Members unable to attend.
2. Chair calls for approval of Agenda, Don C. moves Fred seconds. Madeline asks for Museum 8c to be moved up as she has another meeting. All agree, motion passes unanimously.
3. Chair calls for approval of May 15th minutes. Moved -by Fred, seconded by Don, Eliot notes two (2) corrections Mac Sween's corrected to 7 signs, and BPM to Vibe Creative. Passed unanimously.
4. **Business arising:**
 - a. Ecology books deferred again.
 - b. **CCA guidelines printing & distribution.** Chair reports that 250 copies of the guidelines have been printed by City Printers at a cost of \$ 2,500 all the video links have been properly edited and are active. Don reports that several members of the original ad hoc Climate Change committee approached him and wish to see a tool book for Adaption to Climate developed to be used by Biospheres and communities as an addendum to Scott Hatcher's report. The tool book would further illustrate the practice of two- eyed seeing with the overall aim of making the guidelines more accessible for use by Biospheres and communities. The proposed tool book be 8 to 16 pages in length. After general discussion it was agreed that any group could bring forward a proposal to the board for the production of such a tool book and seek funding from the board.
 - c. **AGM:** Chair notes government rules for AGM's under Covid-19 distributed in meeting documents and says under those rules we would be required to hold our AGM by October 3 rd. as he reads the guidelines. Gordon moves we hold our AGM on September 18th the date of our next regular meeting, seconded by Don. Jim F. says the new board will be established at the AGM so the suggestion was we have the AGM followed by the new Board's initial meeting. Passed unanimously. Gordon offers to chair an AGM organizing committee.
 - d. **Wikipedia:** Pierre says we will have a presence on Wikipedia. He will draft up a page for BLBRA & get someone not on the board. Independent validation is needed to get listed on Wikipedia. Anna Marie suggests going through CC UNESCO.
 - e. **Museum display:** Eliot says there will be a dot matrix printing on a screen that can be applied to the window. Greg Silver can print the photo's on the screen. Eliot is seeking photo's that can be used and asks whether Parks Canada logo and BLBRA logo should be added to the screen. Madeline says Parks logo is not necessary. Madeline was asked if she knows a proposed

opening date for the Bell. She has not been given a date yet but will let Eliot know when access is available. She says it is not necessary to have the new display ready for the opening. Discussion continued on the existing light table in the current display. It will be removed and properly disposed of. There will be a wall map set up and a monolith with 3 interactive touch screen panels that will be set up. There will be no audio capability. It was suggested that each screen be able to display material independent of the display on the other screens. Madeline questions the size of this new display & languages. It will take up no more space than the current light table. There will be 4 languages: English, French Mi' kmaq & Gaelic. Pierre asks about the 3 core areas shown on the map and Bruce says these can be added to the new map.

- f. **Municipal Board representation:** Gordon says Jason Mac Lean will attend the board meetings as a representative from Richmond. Bruce has contacted Inverness & Victoria counties and asked them to have names of their board appointees ready for the AGM. Ivan Doncaster will probably return as the CBRM rep. Fred reports that he contacted Ray J. about information on the equipment needed for to conduct a hybrid virtual / in person meeting. Ray J. had suggested the marine terminal as a venue as they had the necessary equipment. Since the June meeting was being conducted as a hybrid meeting; participants were asked about their preference. Many said they preferred to have a virtual option available for attendance when they could not attend in person, but it was recognized that the technology would not exist to conduct such a meeting in many of the smaller venues where we hold meetings. No decision was finalized. New board might take this idea up.
- g. **Periodic review:** deferred as Jim Mac Donald was not present.
- h. **Membership:** Eliot reports that 25 of 129 have renewed. Membership renewals will be cleaned up at the AGM.
- i. **Lake core areas:** Bruce had circulated a draft to board members to get some feedback on core areas. He said CBRA noted that we did not have core areas designated for the lake which constitutes 1/3 of our Biosphere. Don suggests that the draft questionnaire is a good start & suggests a wider audience. Annamarie suggests it go to directors and observers of the board first. Bruce will take feed back & revise questionnaire and send it to the membership and beyond. Tom says underwater areas should be looked at for past settlement & suggests adding this to Bruce's draft. Bruce says archaeological sites are usually protected areas.

- 5. **Treasurers Report:** Treasurer had provided a brief written report Not much business activity for the month. No expenditures were incurred and 4 sources of revenue were reported. The TD grant for Bras d' Or Watch, CBRA grant, Memberships & Donations for a total of \$ 10 ,314. The bank account balance was \$ 66,944.33. Motion: Brian moves and Eliot seconds acceptance of the Treasurers report. Passed unanimously.
- 6. **CEPI:** Stan reports that they continue to progress on the work plan approved by senior council. There are lots of restrictions because of Covid. Two projects being worked on are a forestry project with Oceans North and Barrachois pond work. There is a senior council meeting for Sept. 10 th and zoom is being used for some committee work. July 17 there will be a management committee meeting and a celebration of CEPI members lost over the last few years is planned.

Tracy reports that CEPI youth are very busy working on project species at risk.

7. **a. CBRA update:** Tom shared a presentation he had done on Glooscap and legends about him & his travels through Cape Breton. This presentation had been worked on for UNESCO in 2009 the year of indigenous languages.
 8. **Nominations:** Jim F. reported that there was agreement to follow the 2019 by laws in coming forward with a slate of nominees. Brian will be nominated at AGM for a 2020 to 2022 term. Members whose terms are expiring and who will be leaving the board are: Jim F., Bruce, Tom, Don, Jim Mac. D., Annamarie, Henry, and Fred.

Jim Mac Donald will be replaced by Kirsty Lock nominated by NSCC. Tom has suggested Allison Mac Isaac as a replacement for him. The organization Henry Muggah is representing is winding down & he suggests replacing his seat with possibly another organization.

The slate of nominees presented by the committee are: Kitsty Lock, Annamarie Talbot, Rodney Chaisson, Allison Mac Isaac, Eileen Crosby, Pierre La Rochelle, Brian Mac Dougall.

Pierre suggests Destination Cape Breton and Cape Breton Partnership as other organizations that might be represented on the board. After much discussion Pierre agreed to follow up with these organizations and forward a name to Jim F. for board consideration. Jim F moves the committees report, Annamarie seconds, passed unanimously.
 - a. **Bras d' Or Watch:** Report had been circulated. ACAP will take measurements at the four sites and stream from one site. Photo contest will be held with submissions ending on July 19th People will be encouraged to post their information to I -naturalist.
 - b. **Communications committee:** No additional information to the written report. Pierre thanks Annamarie for all her contributions.
 - c. **Report card:** Liz reports she is working on a formal ask for data sets. She is trying to get a handle on what is online. A package will be sent soon asking for data sets that can be shared.
 - d. **Periodic review:** Bruce reports that they had a good digital meeting and work is progressing on sections of the report. There are now leads for all sections of the report.
9. **Correspondence:** Chair had distributed a letter draft he has sent a letter to our MP's that they are to forward to the minister of finance for the budget.
 10. **New Business:** None
 11. **Adjournment:** Moved Annamarie. 4: 43 p.m.