

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Approved Minutes

6 PM Dec. 3rd/2014

Location: Fire Base

Recording Secretary: Steve Crawford

1. Call to Order & Introductions

1.1. Meeting called to order and started at 6 pm. Introductions delayed until MNRFB guests arrived. Evan mentioned he has now assumed dual roles as Chair and Facilitator.

2. Review of Agenda

2.1. No changes to the agenda were proposed. Evan asked all members to contribute to agenda topics for future meetings.

2.2. Eileen mentioned Geraldton Chamber of Commerce has regular breakfast meetings. If anyone from the group is interested, let Eileen know and give her your email address.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of Sept. 17th were approved with one change proposed by Edgar that the recording secretary's name is on the minutes. Motioned by Ed Hoffman, seconded by George Horobec.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1. Bank signatories – Gary Selinger and Dave Barker still to sign at RBC **Charlotte to remind Dave and Gary (carried forward)**

4.2. Adopt and access sign – Mike Moroz has given his sign back for Chowder Lake access point and is not interested in continuing with the initiative.

4.3. Linda gave Toni her slippers as decided at last meeting. Charlotte to work with Evan to find out Toni's years of service for her certificate. (Toni had 9 years of service). **Edgar will develop and forward to Evan a certificate for Toni.**

4.4. Fish stocking list still to be forwarded to Sarah for uploading to the GANRAC website. **(Amie will send over to Sarah with cc to Evan).**

4.5. Discussion around canoe route AOC from previous meeting. **Topic to be brought up when Bernie is present for meeting. Minutes of that previous meeting (January 2012) were sent out. Carry Forward.**

5. Financial Report / Budget Submission/Bank Account Signatories – (Char/Evan)

5.1. Bank balance \$6541.62. There will be some District funding of \$1200 per year as of April 1, 2015. Not enough to run unless big changes made to the way GANRAC operates.

5.2. Evan submitted to MNRFB an invoice for \$1200.00 on behalf of GANRAC.

5.3. The committee has to look at cutting costs. A decision to skip dinner was passed by a show of hands. Carpooling was a suggestion to do when possible. Frequency of meetings will be reduced somewhat, though certain key dates need to be covered for FMP and AWS reviews.

5.4. Group discussed possible meeting locations. **Martin volunteered to check on the Contact North meeting room in Longlac.**

5.5. Submission of mileage expenses should be done only when travelling to another town for meetings, not within same town as your mailing address.

5.6. Evan will take over the managing of the bank account as part of his Facilitator duties. Will start fresh from amount in account (\$6541.62) as of today's date.



Bank Account as of
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6. Correspondence

Ken Stevens submitted an email from an "Adopt an Access Point" participant asking MNRFB to check into a potentially unauthorized structure on the Crib Rd at Treptow creek landing. Apparently there is lots of garbage in the vicinity. Charlotte said MNRFB has looked at the issue, she mentioned that the garbage cannot necessarily be associated with the structure and could very well be associated with other users of the landing. Garbage is an enforceable issue but they need to be caught in the act. The MNRFB cannot pin the garbage to the tarp shack

occupants. It is a First Nations structure and they have the right to erect such a structure on Crown Land that is “incidental” to the exercise of treaty rights, also known as the “Sundown decision” (SCCR vs. Sundown). Tom Gross hoped that the enforcement persons could investigate further, but no confirmation was given. Bottom line in this discussion is that the “Adopt an Access Point” participant would like to clean up the site. **Ken Stevens to bring the discussion back to the participant.**

7. New Business

a) Kenogami Update (Charlotte)

- i) The eSFL is in a pause state. No progress whatsoever. No reports from any of the Bands

a) Ogoki Update (Charlotte)

- i) No operations planned or expected on the Ogoki this year.
- ii) The Anaconda Road to the start of the winter road to Marten falls will be plowed.
- iii) Witchwood Bridge still in place, MNR hope to move bridge and reinstall in a new location this summer.
- iv) In response to a question from Louis, relating to “shacking and batching” on the Forest, Charlotte acknowledged that there are a few trailers on the Kenogami related to the harvest, utilizing the ‘Free Use Policy’. They are camping in an inactive gravel pit. Scott mentioned AV is discouraging this by not allowing live-in trailers on the harvest block.

b) Nedaak (Deanna)

- i) Year 3 AR submitted prior to the deadline, (due Nov. 15, submitted Oct. 31)
- ii) OLA for Amik and Addendums done for AVTB
- iii) Dealing with information requests from Licencee’s
- iv) FMP amendments, one for retired roads being re-classed as tertiary rd.
- v) AWS revisions processed, three water crossings, one for area addition
- vi) Working on AWS for 2015/2016, hope to submit the week of Dec. 13.
- vii) Two silviculture staff remaining learning about operations in the field and have taken a crash course in compliance
- viii) Packages sent out for seedlings, site prep and treeplant
- ix) Cone collection program (pine) to begin near Aroland shortly.
- x) Denny Michano to become Deanna’s alternate on the LCC
- xi) Steve Crawford hired part time for 4 months as Operations Forester
- xii) Amik finished the Castlebar Blowdown, going to Snoopy, S. Pagwa, Toad and Pit access during the course of the winter.

c) AVTB_Operations Kenogami Update for GANRAC (Scott Koski)

i) Harvesting:

- (1) AVTB Licenses –Cutting at Jungfrau, Balkam, Cat 65, Snoopy
- (2) Hogging at Twomey

ii) Roads:

- (1) Continual road maintenance on all haul roads
- (2) Continue work on the Lake Nipigon Road Link
- (3) open this winter – Catlonite, Goldfield, Crib, Greta, Greer, Ogahalla, Kenogami, Stairs, Waba, Blueberry, Exton
- (4) Once crews move out of the north, plan is to let those roads snow in

iii) Haul:

- (1) Sawlogs to Longlac
- (2) Hauling from all active cut blocks.

iv) Mill Inventory:

- (1) Getting low on roundwood. Looking to increase 8 foot deliveries
- (2) Hog inventory is not as big as a problem, however anticipating a greater consumption for the winter months

d) Columbia (Ed Hoffman)

- i) Operating at Fulford and Eaton using a cut to length processor for veneer recovery/production in poplar. Following closely with AV's contractors.
- e) **Minor Items –Misc. Evan asked all present if they are interested in keeping this as a topic. The members all agreed to continue with this. They all agreed that they enjoyed the diversity of topics presented.**
- i) New members to Committee welcomed. Travis Vernier replacing Tom Hunt for trapping alternate position and Tom Gross added as alternate to General Public.
 - ii) Website
 - (1) Access restriction map needs updating (Steve to check map for required updates)
 - (2) Water level table needs update (Evan to contact OPG to get an update)
 - (3) Approved Minutes are missing for 2014 – send pdf to Evan
 - (4) Logos and website – provide to Evan for insertion and link on the GANRAC site
 - (5) Sarah will update at the end of every month
 - (6) News section needs to be updated
 - (7) Potentially a Phase 2 write up, or update this – Evan to write up something (Plan to use the Neil's Presentation)
 - (8) Calendar update – Evan
 - (9) GANRAC facebook page to be deleted. Evan will talk to Toni to delete the page.
 - (10) Letter sent to Gabriel Lecuyer to request two representatives from Municipality of Greenstone to join the committee. Will be on the Dec. 8th Town Council Agenda
 - (11) Moose survey scheduled for 21A, possibly 18A.
 - (12) Snow Station update. We have 10 cm more snow this year compared to last year.



Snow Station Dec
3rd 2014

f) **Membership Re-alignment**

- i) The Term of Reference membership categories were revised, as directed, by MNRF to better reflect the Forest Management Planning Manual.
- ii) This resulted in some juggling of membership categories with the dropping of Lakes of the Legends; adding General Public and renaming many of the other categories. (See membership list)



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Membership

g) **Terms of Reference**

- i) Phase 2 planning required a review of the Term of Reference. Evan, Hector, Amie and Charlotte reviewed/revised the T of R. Some minor changes to the conflict of interest guideline. MNRF identified that the committee must take a more active role in committee operations which resulted in significant changes to the role of Chair/Facilitator and Secretary Positions and the membership discussed above. Motion to approve the revised Terms of Reference by Louis, seconded by Scott. Carried.

i) **Kenogami FMP Presentation (Neil Peterson)**



PhaseII Kenogami

j) Miscellaneous

- (1) With Evan taking over the chores as Chair and Facilitator, Hector mentioned to the group that work load has increased significantly and payment should be increased accordingly. Gary proposed \$200 per meeting, Louie Garon seconded the motion. Carried.
- (2) Still looking for a permanent Secretary, Charlotte will ask Melanie when she returns from Maternity leave.
- (3) Scott volunteered to take minutes of the next meeting.

k) **Cougars in Ontario** Replay of a WebEx presentation: Time was running late. Group requested the Link be sent to them so they could view it at home. **Evan to send link to members.**

8) **Next Meeting** : February 4th

9. **Future Agenda Topics**: 3 Year Annual Report Presentation; Canoe Route AOC's; Access Restrictions.

10. Adjournment

Motioned by Louis Garon, Seconded by Ed Hoffman – Carried

	December 3rd Mtg. Confirmed	Dec 3rd Attended
Bernie Baillargeon	No	
Bill Hoff	Yes	Yes
Deanna Hoffman	Yes	Yes
Denny Michano	No	
Ed Hoffman	Yes	Yes
Edgar Lavoie	Yes	Yes
Eileen Johnson	Yes	Yes
Evan Armstrong	Yes	Yes
Gary Selinger	Yes	Yes
George Horobec	Yes	Yes
Gerald Bolduc	No	
Hector Vincent	Yes	Yes
John Espinola	Yes	Yes
Ken Stevens	No	No
Len McEathron	No	
Linda Beaulieu	No	
Louis Garon	Yes	Yes
Martin Boucher	Yes	Yes
Perry Barkhouse	No	
Remi Moretton	Yes	No
Scott Koski	Yes	Yes
Steve Crawford	Yes	Yes
Tom Gross	Yes	Yes
Travis Vernier	Yes	Yes
MNR		
Charlotte Bourdignon	Yes	Yes
Amie Nephin	Yes	Yes

Conservation Officer		
Guests:		
Neil Peterson	Yes	Yes
Jamie Mucha	Yes	Yes