

Geraldton Area Natural Resources Advisory Committee Approved Minutes

6 PM Feb. 4th, 2015

Location: **Greenstone Regional Skills Centre**

Recording Secretary: **Scott Koski**

1. Call to Order: 6:10 pm

- 1.1. Tour of GCF new training centre with Ron Melhuish
- 1.2. Introduction of members

2. Review of Agenda

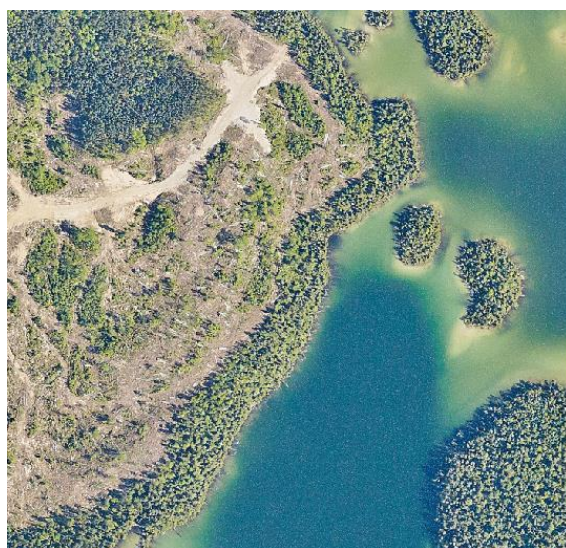
- 2.1 – Addition to Agenda – Edgar – addition of Forest Mosaic publication proposal
- 2.2 – Addition to Agenda – George- Compliance and AOC monitoring

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of Dec. 3rd meeting were approved by e-mail. Evan mentioned the importance of sending a response when minute approvals are done by e-mail.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- a) Bank signatories – Gary Selinger and Dave Barker still to sign at RBC. **All Signed.**
- b) Edgar made a certificate of appreciation for Toni. (Toni had 9 years of service). **MNR will send to Toni**
- c) Fish stocking list still to be forwarded to Sarah for uploading to the GANRAC website.
(Sarah committed to updating the Website this weekend so list should be posted by Feb 8th, 2015. Evan will confirm)
- d) Discussion around canoe route AOC from previous meeting. AOC developed for canoe routes are to applied to all identified canoe routes in the Kenogami Forest.(Identified in the MNRF LIO system) (AOC and SAP photo below) Deanna provided SAP's showing that the reserves were in place around McLeod Lake. Bernie is satisfied that AOC was left. **Scott and Bernie to verify with field trip this spring.**



Canoe Route AOC

e) Minor Items:

- i) Access restriction map needs updating **(Denny will update when time allows)**
- ii) Water level table needs update (Evan got the update from OPG)
- iii) Approved Minutes are missing for 2014 – members and MNRF staff provided missing minutes.
- iv) Logos in website – provide to Evan for insertion and link on the GANRAC site, Scott sent AVTB's to Evan **and is to send "button" as well.** Ed provided Columbia information.
- v) News section needs to be updated. Evan provided Neil's presentation on Phase II Planning to Sarah.
- vi) Calendar update – Done
- vii) GANRAC Facebook page to be deleted. It can't be done so Linda told Evan to take the "F" icon off of the WebSite.

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

- a) Bank balance \$6333.62. Account has less, some cheques have not been cashed.
- b) Motion to adopt the financials – Louis- Second- Linda...carried.



Feb 4th 2015

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Ken Stevens submitted an email from an “Adopt an Access Point” participant asking MNRF 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 MNRF 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 MNRF 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 Albu’s advice was to tell them to clean up the garbage, but not touch the structure or anything that could be tied to the structure. Ken Steven’s to convey this message to the participant.**
- 6.2 Ogoki 2014-2015 AWS review received and any questions or concerns directed to MNRF or Needak
- 6.3 Resignation letter from Perry Barkhouse – to be reviewed later in meeting.

7. New Business

- a) **Kenogami 2014-15 Year 3 Annual Report** (Deanna)



Kenogami Annual
Report

Tom Gross is concerned about the amount of conservation enforcement staffing, however has since found out that 2 positions have been posted for Geraldton. Ken Albu spoke of his concerns with the lack of overlap in enforcement if inexperienced staff is hired and must attend Police College before commencing duties. A potential course of action is a letter to the Minister and cc MPP. **GANRAC to monitor the situation and Ken Albu will report back to the group if he feels there will be adequate coverage for the area.**

- c) **Kenogami 2015-16 Draft AWS Presentation** (Deanna)



2015 AWS

- d) **Kenogami Update (Charlotte)**
 - i) The eSFL is in a pause state. Looking to re-start Kenogami
- f) **Ogoki Update (Charlotte)**
 - i) No operations planned or expected on the Ogoki this year.
 - ii) Phase 1 planning for the 2018-2028 plan to commence soon
 - iii) Very little harvested in the current plan
- g) **Nedaak (Deanna)**
 - i) 2015-2016 AWS Presentation

- ii) 3 Year Annual Report Presentation
 - iii) Phase II planning underway
 - iv) Posting Thursday for summer staff
- h) **AVTB_Operations Kenogami Update for GANRAC** (Scott Koski)
- i) **Harvesting:**
 - (1) **AVTB Licenses** –Completed Jungfrau for the year. Cleaning Swamps in summer harvest areas
 - ii) **Roads:**
 - (1) Continual road maintenance on all haul roads
 - (2) Open this winter – Catlonite, Goldfield, Crib, Greta, Greer, Stairs, Waba, Blueberry, Exton
 - iii) **Haul:**
 - (1) Sawlogs to Longlac
 - (2) Hauling from all active cut blocks.
 - iv) **Mill Inventory:**
 - (1) Very Low.
 - (2) With crews moving south should increase deliveries
- i) **Columbia (Ed Hoffman)**
- i) Resuming veneer harvest in the Balkan Block using a cut to length processor for veneer recovery/production in poplar. Following closely with AV's contractors. They will return to the Eaton block in the spring.
 - ii) Charlotte and Ed Hoffman explained the nature of Columbia's poplar amendment to harvest poplar with a cut to length system and leave the residual tops in the cutover. **The amendment will come back to the LCC.**
- j) **Minor Items** (Baitfish; Moose Pilot Project; Cougar WebEx; Moose Surveys; Snow station; McLeod Lk Cut)
- i) Moose Project: Ray said it was still going forward but details were not very clear to the field.
 - ii) Moose survey completed for 21A, 18A. 21A numbers are down. Ray will keep group posted on tag numbers.
 - iii) Cougar WebEx: Evan asked if anyone had seen it. No one had. **Evan to resend out the Link and requested he get feedback if there are any problems and also what they thought of it.**
 - iv) Sarah will update Web Site February 8th
 - v) Snow Station update. As of January 27th level was the same as last year.
 - vi) FIPPA Forms: All present have signed a form. **Jamie to bring his signed form to next meeting.**
 - vii) Stocking Lists: We had a quick demonstration how to look up stocking information for all Ontario from a Link on the GANRAC Website to FISH-ON LINE.
- k) **Membership Re-alignment** (Evan)
- Further changes have been made to the membership categories to better reflect what is in the FMPM. As a result Geraldton Community Forest has been changed to Local Business and the Bear Management and Baitfish category will be slowly phased out.
- i) John Espinola was moved from the alternate Bear Management & Baitfish to the alternate for road based tourism.
 - ii) Ken Stevens stays where he was but is now representing local business. The alternate position was offered to Ron Melhuish but he declined resulting in Ken's alternate position becoming vacant. It was suggested that Bernie might fit this position but after much discussion Bernie will stay where he is for now.
 - (1) Linda moved
 - (2) Scott Second
 - (3) Unanimous vote to keep Bernie

j) **Miscellaneous**

(1) Edgar asked permission to digitize Forest Mosaic newsletters and share them online as Greenstone history. He passed out a few samples.

- (a) Linda Moved to accept
- (b) Ken Stevens second
- (c) Motion carried

(2) No one (definitely **not** Scott) volunteered to take minutes of the next meeting.

(3) Reviewed Perry's resignation letter – sad to see him go and Evan addressed issues in Perry's e-mail. Time was running short so Evan briefly addressed his issues with a promise to return to the E-206 Lake issue.

Minnow lake: does not have oxygen problems and this was not the reason for the mortality of the brood stock that was stocked. Transportation stress and age of fish is the likely cause as the same thing happened to the same stock in Hilder Lake. Fish did not show signs of oxygen deprivation.

E-206: Travis spoke up and said that he used to fish the lake frequently and caught many splake. There are some oxygen issues with the lake. (This will be revisited at a future 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. Difficulty opening the video. **Evan to re-send link to members.**

8) **Next Meeting** : April 1, 2015

9. **Future Agenda Topics:** Bernie's solution to the stocking issues

10. Adjournment -9:25 pm

Motioned by Linda, Seconded Bernie – Carried

	February 4th Mtg. Confirmed	Feb 4th Attended
Andre Blanchard	Yes	Yes
Bernie Baillargeon	Yes	Yes
Bill Hoff	No	No
Deanna Hoffman	Yes	Yes
Denny Michano	Yes	Yes
Ed Hoffman	Yes	Yes
Edgar Lavoie	Yes	Yes
Eileen Johnson	Yes	No
Evan Armstrong	Yes	Yes
Gary Selinger	No	No
George Horobec	Yes	Yes
Gerald Bolduc	Yes	Yes
Hector Vincent	No	No
James McPherson	No	No
John Espinola	No	No
Ken Stevens	Yes	Yes
Len McEathron	Yes	No
Linda Beaulieu	Yes	Yes
Louis Garon	Yes	Yes
Martin Boucher	No	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
Ken Albu	?	Yes
Ray Tyhuis	Yes	Yes