

Goose Bay Reclamation Meeting

September 16th, 2014 Tuesday

McSherry Library - 7pm

Present: Larry and Jill Partridge, Laurie Andre-Amis, Pam Andre, Carol and Bob Lamoureux, and Deborah Scholes

August Minutes read and accepted

Treasures Report – as of August 19 - \$27,909.02 deposited +\$415.00 disbursed -\$557.48 = Total Balance of September 16th - \$27,766.54

Approval – Bob asked how much money should be used toward the herbicide application. A discussion pursued and a decision was made not to spend all of the money we have raised, but some.

Partnership Letter

Bob reported that he is still looking at a partnership letter. He shared a letter written by Rob Lowe SELO St Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario PRISM as to what is involved in a partnership letter. Discussion arise as to need for a mission statement and action plans. Discussion was tabled for further action.

Boat Launch Monitoring

Bob and LuAnn Schrader are working on a schedule next year. Pam reported on the printing on the back of the shirt. For Boat Launch monitoring on back is a \$2.00 extra charge and having Check – Clean - Dry would another \$2.00. Discussion pursued about having bids/vests that flag men wear made that could be passed along instead of buying t-shirts. Pam said she would look into that option. She asked for permission to either order t-shirts or vests, Bob said go ahead and do whatever she felt best. If ordering shirts she was asked to order 3large and 3 Xlg.

Grants

No progress at this time. Laurie mentioned contacting Ken Wood about help and Bob said he would.

Flow study

Flow study completed.

Weed Mapping

John Farrell is very, very busy and will not get to the report anytime soon. Bob wants to supply all results to DEC at once so this may slow us down. As for payment for the weed mapping, Bob got an address of where to send the payment. Discussion proceeded as to what to pay, as it is a donation. Group decided on \$500.00 this year and \$500.00 next upon receiving the report.

Article 24 application

Stewart has both wetland application and Herbicide. Bob has a meeting with Jessica Hart set for the 22nd at 9am and a contact with Lee Harper was made for info needed to fill out the permits. Lee Harper for information that we needed and Bob made arrangement to have Stewart to call him when in need of information. Stewart says not less than various applications – Stewart shared with us the many steps needed to make our way through the complicated and pains taking process of using herbicide to kill the

invasive weeds. Bob wants to send a letter to everyone in Goose Bay and try and find out who draws water from the bay and for what reason for the permit.

Goose Bay Picnic

Goose Bay Picnic was successful 45 – 50 people attended on August 28th plans are underway to have another picnic next year. Bob thanked everyone who helped. Discussion again about promotion and advertising about what Goose Bay Reclamation is doing. Need someone who is willing to put articles in newspaper maybe a column every week in the TI Sun. Bob said he would get ahold of Jean Snow and see if she would be willing to be that person.

Fund Raiser

Bob asked for info about Sun Catchers so could be placed on the website for sale for Christmas gifts. Laurie said she would get info to Bob. Treasure Island now has a necklace available and if you purchase the necklace and mention Goose Bay or Buy the Goose Bay charm we get 10%. Discussion pursued about fundraising for next year.

Liability Insurance

Bob is still working on it.

What happens –

Bob started a discussion on what happens if we are denied. Everyone is very optimistic about it going through. Plan is to get everything in order and make a successful presentation with all our documentation and items needed to get these permits. Discussion about how the process will go and who should be involved pursued. Bob wants to be optimistic but prepared for What if? So if we are denied the steering committee will meet and form another plan of action.

Membership – We have 5 new members. Discussion pursued on what is a membership. Our by-laws say members only get a newsletter. More discussion pursued on what a member is? Are people who pay and fill out a membership application a member or if you donate an item are you a member? Decision was made to leave membership as is.

New Business

Bob wants permission to purchase a gift certificate from Tin Pan Galley or somewhere for Kevin Bambrich from Goose Bay Reclamation, in appreciation for all his help. Everyone agreed.

Laurie mentioned getting in touch with Bill Gill for a banner or sign with our logo that when we have events we can have something to display. She will keep researching it and report back.

More discussion pursued on better promotion about what we are doing and what has been done. Ideas include – newsletter – news releases – website – sharing ideas – Friends of Goose Bay – Certificate of Appreciation.

Management Plan – Carol has done a lot of work on this and includes fisheries and pass management efforts, options of harvesting and chemical controls and costs. A very intensive document of research as to how we got to where we are today.

Fund raising - Clayton Island Tours where Debbie works has donated a boat - next year to cruise around Goose bay and area. Boat holds 57 passengers and cruise would be 2-3 hours. Date is set for June 27th 5-8pm, cost was discussed for \$30.00 per person and BYOB. Laurie is also working on a big Raffle, items to be determined and sold throughout the year.

Next Meeting May 2015.

Meeting was adjourned 8:45pm