

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LAKE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION

February 16 2016, 6:00pm

MISSION STATEMENT: To identify and support solutions that restore and protect the health of Lake Winnipeg and its watershed, through research, education, stewardship and collaboration.

Present: Roger Mollot, Stephanie Guildford, Mike Stainton, Armand Belanger, Tabitha Martens, Scott Beaton, Scott McCulloch, Dianne Sallans, Alex Salki, Alexis Kanu, Chris Debicki

Regrets: Aimee Craft, Liam Mulhall, Bill McDonald, Lila Goodspeed

Absent:

Guests:

Quorum established: 7 directors required, 10 present

1. Opening Presentation

There was no opening presentation

2. Approval of agenda

2016:02:M01 MS

That the agenda for the Feb 16, 2016 meeting be approved as presented and with quorum established. Carried

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

2016:02:M02 MS

That the minutes from the Dec 15, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved. Carried

4. Review of Strategic Priorities

4.1. Programs goals

4.1.1. The board reviewed the Science Advisory Council's feedback on the water quality trading proposal referred to SAC in April 2015. Based on SAC's recommendations, the board will not pursue this at this time. The SAC chair will follow up with the proposal proponent.

4.1.2. The board identified the need for an active grants committee chair to lead the strategic review of the grants committee program.

2016:02:M03 MS

That a board member may take a three-month leave of absence with the approval of the board.
Carried.

2016:02:M04 MS

To grant Armand Belanger a three-month leave of absence from the LWF board.
Carried

2016:02:M05 MS

That Stephanie Guildford be appointed interim Chair of the Grants and Awards Committee.
Carried

4.2. Government relations goal

4.2.1. The board reviewed LWF's pre-election strategy and board members were invited to attend upcoming events

4.3. Communications goal

4.3.1. No discussion

4.4. Organizational goal

4.4.1. The board reviewed the Science Advisory Council operational policy and suggested revisions were incorporated

2016:02:M06 MS

To adopt the SAC operational policy as revised. Carried

4.4.2. The board discussed the need for a strategic planning session in spring 2016 and tasked the Executive Director to organize it.

5. Approval of Financial Statements

5.1. The Treasurer provided an overview of the financial statements for November and December 2015, noting that 2016 statements will be available when the 2015 year-end audit is complete.

2016:02:M07 MS

That the financial statements (attached) be approved as presented. Carried

5.2. The board reviewed a draft of the 2016 budget and requested the ED revise before approval.

6. Business Arising

No business arising

7. New Business

7.1. The annual general meeting is planned for April 26, 2016 at Fort Whyte Alive at 7 pm

7.2. The board agreed on a plan for compilation and approval of the annual report

8. Next meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 19, 2016 at 6 pm at the Forks Market Boardroom

The meeting adjourned at: 9:05 pm

Chair

Secretary