

CMOS Ottawa Centre Minutes – December 12, 2012

In Attendance: Marty Taillefer, Ann McMillan, Yvon Bernier, Adrienne Tivy, Bob Jones, Sheila Bourque, Denis Bourque, Wayne Richardson, Paul Pestieau, Richard Asselin

1- Approval of Agenda and Nov 22 Minutes

The agenda and minutes from our last meeting (22 Nov) were approved

2- Pending Actions

- Formal business plan – Marty is preparing a draft document
- Public venue speaker – Paul will continue to pursue this opportunity, the event will hopefully take place in the new year
- Luncheon Venue sub-committee – The luncheon venue sub-committee will scope out the Clocktower and Irene's Pub as potential venues for a no-host meeting at a local pub. It was decided to try and host one of our winter/spring meetings at a pub with the aim to increase membership and widen the appeal of CMOS Ottawa.

3- Speakers for upcoming meetings

Suggested Dates: Jan 31, Feb 28, Mar 21, April 25, May 30 (coincides with the CMOS congress)

Speakers:

- Joanne St.Coeur is willing to speak on the re-engineering of the MSC alert program
- Doug Allport is willing to speak on the more general common alerting protocol for all environmental alerts, this is an int'l standard soon to be adopted by MSC
- Denis Gilbert is this year's CMOS tour speaker, he has expressed an interest in speaking in February or March
- Jim Bruce is willing to speak on a water related topic (water strategy for Canada), he has a few canned talks ready to go
- Marty and Ann are willing to speak about the CMOS Arctic Initiative

ACTION: Paul will confirm dates with the Junior Ranks Mess

ACTION: Ann and Denis will secure speakers to our meeting dates. *(The suggestion was made at the Nov 22 meeting to separate the talks by Joanne St.Coeur and Doug Allport since their topics are similar)*

4- Financial report

Yvon - \$10,000 has been invested in a 3-year GIC

5- Other business

Discussion regarding luncheon venues and deficit:

- Marty noted that the last few luncheons have been running a deficit of only ~\$100. Denis pointed out that this is likely due to higher luncheon fees and lower attendance.
- Marty discussed strategies to increase turn-out at our luncheons with Geoff Greene. The suggestion was made to hold the talks at pubs and move to a different venue and neighbourhood of the city each month