

CMOS Ottawa Centre

Minutes – May 16, 2013

11:00 am, Jr. Ranks Mess, The Driveway

In attendance: Sheila Bourque, Denis Bourque, Bob Jones, Martin Taillefer, Yvon Bernier, Ann McMillan, Wayne Richardson, Paul Pestieau

Marty welcomed the group to the meeting. Noting that Adrienne was absent, Bob Jones agreed to take the minutes.

1. Approval of Agenda

A brief agenda sent by Marty was approved.

- Projector, Computer and BIOS / Introductions for the meeting today.
- Other items were discussed below.

2. Minutes of April 18 meeting

Were not available.

3. Items Discussed with Actions Noted in Bold

- **Outstanding Minutes**

It was agreed that there was only one set of outstanding minutes – for the April 18 meeting.

Action: Bob to contact Adrienne about that (completed).

- **Speakers for Next Season**

It was agreed that a speaker list, with dates if possible, going forward was the best solution to avoid last minute actions and meeting cancellations which occurred this season.

Four potential speakers, with appropriate contacts, were agreed:

1. Doug Allport on MSC Emergency Notification System – Ann
2. Roger De Abreu on Radarsat – Sheila
3. Helen Joseph, subject not stated – Marty
4. Dawn Conway on the Canadian Climate Forum (CCF) – Bob
5. Post Meeting suggestion: Kyle Smith on his Ottawa-based Neighbourhood Forecast System – Bob

It was agreed that next-season dates with the Mess (third Thursday of the month, starting

with September) be conveyed. Paul agreed to remain as contact point with the Mess and would set up the dates. Noted that the first meeting might be on September 19th and that the pre-Christmas date should be scheduled early. **Action: Paul**

Paul also advised that the Mess, given enough notice, was amenable to cancellation or date changes, and this would allow us to occasionally try other venues.

- **Actions over the Summer**

1. It was agreed to send a message to all members and contacts, probably during June, soliciting names of additional speakers. **Actions: Marty or Ann to draft; Bob to send**

2. Marty suggested we hold an executive meeting or two during the summer. Suggested locations were the two pubs mentioned in previous minutes (Clocktower and Irene's on Bank St) as possible locations for occasional Centre meetings. **Action: Marty**

- **Public Event with Other Groups**

Paul reported that a working committee including Donna Jean Kilpatrick and Wayne Bolton and himself was moving forward with this meeting focusing on regional water quality (sugg. title "From Drain to Tap and Back again") and related water issues. It could be held next fall or in the spring of 2014. A panel of experts on water is being examined. The panel might include Meredith Brown, someone from the Ottawa Filtration Plant, and a septic engineering expert from U of O. 90 to 140 attendees might attend. Some sort of small entry fee might better ensure commitment and help defray costs.

- **CMOS Congress in Saskatoon**

Meeting conflicts may prevent Marty from attending the Centre Chairs meeting. Bob agreed to sit in. **Action: Bob**

- **Nominations for 2013-2014 Executive**

The current executive agreed to stay on for next year. One additional Member at Large was proposed – Tess Maheux from Marty's Company. The names of those on the continuing slate may be seen at this link: <http://cmos.ca/Ottawa/ottawaexecs.html>

- **Thank You**

Marty thanked the current executive for what they have done this year and for agreeing to stay on for next year, thus providing good continuity.

4. A motion to adjourn was approved.