

Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Thursday, 16 November 2017
Rideau Canal, Junior Officers Mess
4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa

Approved Minutes

Present: Martin Gauthier (Chair), Dawn Conway (Vice-Chair), Ann McMillan (past Chair), Yvon Bernier (Treasurer), Bob Jones (Centre webmaster, Archivist, Member-at-Large), Helen Joseph (Member-at-Large), Michael Steeves (Member-at-Large), Leslie Malone (Secretary).

Unable to attend: Denis Bourque (Member-at-Large), Sheila Bourque (education liaison), Paul Pestieau (Member-at-Large), John Stone (Member-at-Large), Greg Steeves (student representative, U. Ottawa), Bruce Angle (LAC Chair, 2020 Congress).

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 A.M.

Proceedings:

1. Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no change.

2. Minutes of October meeting

The minutes from the 24 October meeting were approved with no change.

3. Schedule of lunch meetings

16 November. The luncheon speaker today is Alana Faber (Director, Operations) of Adventure Canada. Cedar Swan (CEO) will also attend. Dawn Conway will introduce the speaker and Martin Gauthier will thank the speaker and close.

12 December. Dawn Conway informed that through Brian Harris, she made contact with the Franklin Project Outreach Team (Josee Newton, agent de projet). It is not yet confirmed, but is highly likely that this group will agree to take on the December talk. They have asked a lot of questions and have identified some topics they could cover, such as the search, the weather and climate conditions, and recovery of artifacts in extreme environments. The Executive suggested we needed a deadline for getting the confirmation from this group, before we have to consider an alternative (e.g. Martin Gauthier's kind offer to have someone in his firm do the talk).

ACTION: Dawn Conway will finalize the arrangements with the Franklin Project Outreach Team and provide the name of speaker, title of the talk and an abstract to Bob Jones for posting, by 22 November.

24 January 2018: Helen Joseph contacted Paul Meyers (U. Alberta, Chair of CNC/SCOR) regarding the 2017-2018 SCOR speaker, and Karen Kohfield (Simon Fraser University) has been selected to speak this year on paleoceanography. The talk in the Ottawa area might be in late January or early February 2018 so this will be the first

priority to explore for the 24 January talk. Other suggestions are to approach Jackie Dawson (perhaps to speak on Arctic marine shipping) or possibly to line up a talk with a speaker from Agriculture Canada on the implications of the world's dependence on three core crops, all of which are climate sensitive.

ACTION: Helen Joseph will approach Meyers and Kohfield for the January date. If 24 January is not possible for any reason for the SCOR talk, Helen and Greg Steeves (U. Ottawa) will contact Jackie Dawson (U. Ottawa).

28 February 2018: Helen Joseph contacted Keith Lennon (DFO) who could give the February talk, on 'Arctic Ocean Observing Systems'. Alternatively, his colleague Blair Greenan could speak on 'Coastal Sea Rise'.

ACTION: Helen Joseph will confirm the February arrangements with DFO as soon as possible.

28 March 2018: Gilbert Brunet, CMOS Tour Speaker, is confirmed for the March talk. As the CMOS Tour talk is the one he presented to the Ottawa group last spring, the Executive agreed to ask Gilbert to speak on the genesis and intensification of Hurricanes.

ACTION: Martin Gauthier will inform Gilbert Brunet on the Executive's choice of topic

25 April 2018: Ann McMillan has discussed a joint session with CACOR for April 2018 with Madeleine Aubrey – possible date on April 18th (TBD). The topic would be on some aspect of climate change and adaptation.

ACTION: Ann McMillan will firm up the arrangements with CACOR for April and verify that the venue will be CACOR's. Once that is confirmed, Ann will ask Paul Pestieau to cancel the CMOS booking with the Mess for 25th April.

May 2018: This could be a possible opening for Jackie Dawson. Alternatively, Bob Jones noted that the 'Smart Ice' project won the Arctic Inspiration Prize last year and has been given an international award this year. A talk from the proponents of this initiative could be considered.

4. CMOS 2020 Congress – update from LAC Chair

No update was tabled (Bruce Angle unable to attend).

5. Financial matters

Cash on hand and maturing GIC

Yvon Bernier reviewed the Centre's financial situation. The current bank balance is \$3528.43. Incoming amounts expected are the annual subvention from CMOS of \$880 and matching funds for subvention for the science fairs of \$450. Anticipated outlays include an average shortfall of \$250 for each of the remaining 7 luncheons and \$900 for the two science fairs. Estimated balance from these incomings and outgoings is just over \$2200.

The Centre might want to support the travel costs for a student or teacher for an expedition, but at present no such expenditures are being considered.

A GIC of \$5K will maturing on 27 November 2017, with \$227 in interest (total coming available is \$5227). A second GIC (for \$4000) will come due in June 2018.

Yvon proposed several possible investments. The Executive agreed unanimously to have \$6000 invested in 3 Bank of Montreal flexible Rate-Riser Plus GICs as follows: \$2000 for 2 years; \$2000 for 3 years and \$2000 for 5 years. These GICs are cashable on the anniversary of the issue date.

ACTION: Yvon Bernier will invest the \$6000 as agreed by the Executive at the end of November.

6. Student representative from Carleton University

Ann McMillan advised that a new student representative has been identified. He will attend his first meeting in December.

7. Summary of the last CMOS Centre Chairs meeting

Martin Gauthier noted that at the last meeting of the Centre Chairs, they were informed that CMOS National is re-thinking having Teacher's Day at future Congresses. Ann McMillan asked about the request from the CCF to join CMOS, but Martin said the meeting of Centre Chairs did not discuss it.

8. Adding new persons to the mailing lists/outreach

Denis Bourque had looked into using a commercial service to allow the subscribe/unsubscribe feature that had been proposed by Paul Pestieau. However, this method would require putting the CMOS email list in the hands of the service provider which is not ideal. Bob Jones has implemented a feature on the current web page that allows the client/user to send an email regarding signing up or unsubscribing, and asked all members to try that feature, particularly the French version.

ACTION: Members of the Executive will test the new feature on the CMOS web page, and Bob Jones will report back to the Executive in December on results.

9. Science Fairs

Item deferred to the next meeting

10. Other business – none

11. Adjournment

Dawn Conway moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55. All agreed.

Luncheon speakers, September 2017 - May 2018

Date	Speaker	Proposed by	Status
20 September Wednesday	Ian Black	Bob Jones	completed
24 October Tuesday	Geoff Strong	Bob Jones	completed
16 November Thursday	Alana Faber (Director of Operations, Adventure Canada) CEO, Cedar Swan, also attended	Dawn Conway	In progress today
12 December Tuesday	Franklin Project Outreach Team (speaker TBD)	Dawn Conway	Likely, but not confirmed
24 January Wednesday	Karen Kohfield CNC/SCOR speaker	Helen Joseph	Under consideration
28 February Wednesday	Keith Lennon (DFO)	Helen Joseph	Under consideration
28 March Wednesday	Gilbert Brunet CMOS Tour Speaker	Martin Gauthier	Confirmed
25 April (TBD) Wednesday	Joint session with CACOR	Ann McMillan	Under consideration
23 May Wednesday	TBD		

NB: All the above-noted dates for the 2017-18 season are booked and confirmed with the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa.

For CMOS archive of past speakers: <http://cmosarchives.ca/Ottawa/ottawapastspeakers.html>