

CMOS Ottawa Centre - Executive Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess

4 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Ottawa

Present: Richard Asselin, Yvon Bernier, Bob Jones, Ann McMillan, Wayne Richardson, Paul Pestieau, Martin Gauthier, Marty Taillefer (late)

Regrets: Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Adrienne Tivy, Tess Maheux

1. **Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of January 2014, and February 2014 were approved with minor corrections.
3. **Speakers:**
 - a. The speakers list is very out of date, needs an update.
ACTION: A few names were suggested for future speakers: Dave Jackson – Paul Pestieau to approach; Steve McCauley – Wayne Richardson to approach.
 - b. Tom McElroy, the tour speaker, may be available for April. Dates and arrangements to be confirmed asap. The planned date is Thursday, April 17, but other dates may be possible.
ACTION: Ann to contact Tom directly and try to confirm the April 17 date.
 - c. Dawn Conway will present at the May meeting.
4. **Review of Actions:** Not done.
5. **CMOS Centre Business Plan:** Pending, still with Marty.
6. **Science Fairs:**
 - a. Serge Nadon and Yvon Bernier participated in Gatineau and Yvon has produced and circulated a very nice report. The procedure has changed so that the judging is really done by the organizers. This simplifies our participation, but Yvon indicated that it is very worthwhile.
 - b. Marty and Paul will participate in the Ottawa Science Fair at the beginning of April. The cheque is signed.
 - c. Matching funds were requested from CMOS Council on February 1. No further news about that.
ACTION: Marty to follow up.

7. Out-Reach Program

Marty has approach Ryan Campbell about being a Student Representative to assist us with the organization of a student event in August or early September, 2014. He has not had feedback as to Ryan's interest.

ACTION: Marty to follow up.

8. National Executive coming to Ottawa:

- a. Martha Anderson has agreed to be incoming Vice President (2014-2015) and then President (2015-2016). This is an important step since she has high profile and is a woman from DND.
- b. Marie-France Gauthier has agreed to be Recording Secretary.
- c. Marty is still searching for a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. These are required asap.

ACTION: Marty to follow up.

9. Congress in Ottawa:

- a. Marty has informed the National Executive that CMOS Ottawa Centre is not in a position to host the 2017 Congress.
- b. It was suggested that 2019 would be a good year to host the Congress in Ottawa, to be discussed further at a future meeting.
- c. Ann was to meet with Ottawa Tourism to discuss.

10. Membership

The issue of membership was extensively discussed by the National Executive. Bob provided a status report: Ottawa Centre currently has 85 members, 6 lapsed last year and a greater number the year before.

ACTION: Bob volunteered to follow up with a reminder to the lapsed members.

11. Slate for Ottawa Centre Executive for coming year

Traditionally, the slate is announced at the April meeting for approval at the May one. Marty is ready to move on to the Past President position. Ann McMillan is willing to move up to the chair. Martin Gauthier is willing to be Vice-Chair. Others willing to stay on for at least one more year are: Wayne Richardson, Yvon Bernier, Bob Jones, Paul Pestieau and Richard Asselin.

ACTION: Marty will canvas other Executive members to see if they wish to be part of the slate. It is important that we have a recording Secretary to take minutes regularly and issue them quickly after meetings to ensure continuity.