

CMOS Ottawa Centre

Minutes – October 24, 2013

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

1. Approval of Agenda

2. April minutes are missing and May minutes are still outstanding

3. Speakers for the next luncheons

We have speakers for Nov and Dec. For Jan and Feb, Doug Bancroft and the traveling CMOS speaker are lined up.

Action: 3 speaker slots to fill in the new year (Mar, Apr and May)

4. Action items from the previous meeting were reviewed.

5. Public Lecture

A motion by Paul and Martin to postpone and change the focus of the public event was passed.

Action: Paul will invite Meredith Brown as a speaker for the CMOS luncheon. It could be a joint meeting with the river keepers.

6. Business Plan

Action: Marty will work on the business plan

7. Science Fair

We discussed increasing the science fair first prize to \$200, it was agreed to increase the prize for this year but prizes will be reassessed as part of the Business Plan review.

Action: Marty has requested that we revisit this after he has completed the business plan (email Oct.25).

8. Other items

We had a long discussion about education, outreach and where we would be best to focus our efforts. Key points:

- We could purchase equipment for classroom visits, for example AMS has a \$50 educational package; Sheila expressed an interest in using such aids when she meets with different school groups
- We have to consider school curriculum in designing outreach programs/materials
- To increase exposure we could consider participating in local fairs
- We could consider having a booth at local science fairs

- An interesting example is Andrew Weaver's group in Victoria, they equipped local schools with AWS to enhance curriculum in variety of subjects
- We could consider organizing a session at science teacher conferences

Action 1: further discussion into school outreach

Action 2: identify key upcoming conferences to sponsor and influence session topics