



LONDON CHAPTER

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 14th, 2011, 7pm - 9pm

Carson Branch Library 465 Quebec St.

1. Introductions Members: Jean Johnston, Nick Bassel, Elaine Mahon, Robert (Rory) Cory, Don McLeod, Stan Korchak, Shirley Korchak, Roberta Cory, Richard Bird. Guests: Toban Black, Tom Marazzo.

2. Minutes from May 10, 2011 (D.Heap): approved, Rory Cory, Don McLeod

3. Matters arising from February, March, April, May - 2011 minutes

- a. Communications & Media Director – OPEN
- b. Water presentation @ City Hall - Maryanne working to obtain/copy DVD
- c. Directory of other organization websites to facilitate co-operation/ collaboration - Don developing
- d. Wednesday September 21–International Day of Peace–Program with LPL & Transition London Ontario – Peace Activist James Loney booked – Library is making up a poster and advertising in the ACCESS Magazine
- e. Thursday September 29 – “Happiness of Economy” Film with LPL - Library is making up a poster and advertising in the ACCESS Magazine
- f. Report of Toronto Chapter Water Forum - Report by e-file still to be submitted by Elaine - ready except for list of web links.

4. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer’s Report - Nick

- Bank balance \$100.77 no bank activity in last month
- Don has purchased office/stationary supplies (binders, USB stick etc.) and tablecloth for presentation. Elaine has purchased canopy. These expenses to be reimbursed through National office. Total expenses submitted: \$479.95. As we did not have sufficient funds in our Chapter Treasury, the expenses were bankrolled through personal funds, on loan to the Chapter. The Chapter now has exhibit display materials, record binders, a USB Thumb Drive, admin stationary, a tent, 2 fold up chairs and 2 cooler bags as assets

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A. Webmaster Report - Rory

Steady progress and development, particularly Facebook page - active as a 'Fan' page. The Group page is accessible but inactive. Reason being difference in interactivity between a group page which one 'joins' and a fan page which allows forwarding of information when appropriate 'like' box is checked. Discussion regarding difference between these two styles

I. Membership - Geoff

Don working on cross-referencing the old London Chapter Membership list received from Past President John Pope and our current local email list that was obtained from Kevin Lomack. Our current local email list has 445 email addresses

- Geoff working on letters to be sent encouraging a return to active participation by dormant members as well as letters to perspective and new members,
- Member application forms distributed to meeting participants who are encouraged to sign new members by June 30 - this date is important as new fiscal year begins July 1st.
- Issue of a sign up sheet to have at events discussed along with varieties of identifying/signing new members at events

5. Old Business

- a. Toronto Water Forum Report - pending, see above
- b. Constitution for London Chapter - no certain source, Stan and Nick to search.
- c. Materials stored on Red 8gb USB - All available files stored on this device - minutes, records publications, etc. - in Don's possession – will download for Execs
- d. Regional Conference May 13 - 15th

Don attended this productive meeting expenses covered by National office. Friday evening to Sunday morning. Summation was previously sent out.

e. Annual General Meeting (AGM) November 14th, Lamplighter Inn. Glen Pearson retired firefighter, Executive Director of London Food Bank and recent MP for London North Centre to be keynote speaker. Full details to be sorted out by Chapter Executives.

- f. Moving Planet - "A Day to Move Away from Fossil Fuels" September 24. As

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September is a busy month this event will not be co-sponsored by London Chapter CoC.

6.New Business

a. Announcements Upcoming events FYI: Indigenous Heritage Day - June 21; Canadian Multiculturalism Day, June 27th.

b. Tent Purchase - 12 x 12' canopy style with two chairs in transportable bag. To be used at Car Free weekend and other events. Cost 141.00 costs equally split between E. Mahon and London Chapter CoC. To be stored by E. Mahon 519-439-2181.

c. Canadian Boat to Gaza. No date for sail yet set. Ambivalent reaction from government in spite of peaceful mission. James Loney is supporter.

d. National Annual General Meeting. Regional Meeting Resolutions - three items chosen to be submitted: 1. Reorganization of Bank of Canada - resolution prepared; 2. Local Chapter Member List; 3. Insurance Coverage for event participation.

Discussion re: convoluted route to ensure Chapter insurance coverage for Car Free weekend participation

a. Car Free Weekends The first of these is this coming weekend - 10 am Saturday on Dundas between Richmond and Clarence. Volunteer signup sheet for each date circulated. Location and logistics of equipment setup, overnight arrangements and takedown discussed. Request for folding tables met by Roberta and Richard. \$25 deposit per event date submitted by Nick, to be recovered at event end from organizers.

a. Covent Garden Farmers Market, Thursdays and Saturdays 8 am - 2 pm. Discussion as to whether to set display up. Thursdays is always available. Saturdays requires advance notice as space not always available.

b. Mail outs from National office to Chapter Members. Along with notice of AGM notice national office has agreed to include summation of Chapter activities and an invitation to meetings

c. Summer Picnic proposal. Hope to extend invitation to wider membership. General agreement to host at private location. Possibility Richard can host.

d. Ontario Health Coalition. Questionnaire to solicit public attitudes/opinions. Link to be posted on website.

Ontario Health Care – Questionnaire: www.votehealthontario.ca

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e. Great Lakes Nuclear Waste. Discussion regarding approach to fact finding. Desirable to have guidelines to direct and coordinate gathering of information as well as distribution. No decisions reached.

f. Canadian School of Peace Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Summer courses for credit leading to degree. Link to be posted. Canadian School of Peacebuilding – Courses - <http://www.cmu.ca/csop/>

Information offered regarding program of social justice at Kings College at UWO.

g. CBC website polls. Question relating to adverse effects of North American perimeter project yielded 75% of respondents in agreement.

h. Great Lakes Forever Campaign (Richard) Multicity, U.S. and Canada, education tour. Not coming to London, but communities along the lakeshores.

7. Guest presentation: Toban Black

Toban is an academic and an activist associated with Climate Justice London and Post Carbon London. He recently organized a rally at London City Hall to protest the practice of fracking. He gave a brief summary of fracking purpose, technique and implications focusing on the threat to water supplies including municipal water from Lake Huron. Timeliness of this issue related to increased pressure from oil and gas industry to act on acquired mineral rights. Discussion of actions taken in other provinces to block this activity and options of direction to focus protest in Southwestern Ontario. Discussion of mineral rights ownership vs. rights of landowners. Discussion of how rally was organized.

Climate Justice London:

<http://london.actforclimatejustice.org/>

Stop Fracking Ontario:

<http://stopfrackingontario.wordpress.com/>

Council of Canadians:

<http://www.canadians.org/water/documents/fracking/factsheet-1110.pdf>

Next Membership Meeting: Tuesday September 13, 7pm-9pm Crouch Library

Our Chapter Executive and Committee Chairs will be meeting over the summer to plan upcoming events – have a safe & enjoyable summer everyone!

Attachments: Water Attachment

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