



LONDON CHAPTER

Minutes of Members Meeting
London Chapter
Council of Canadians
September 13, 2011
Carson Branch Library

1. **Attendance:** Roberta Cory, Rory Cory, Geoff Crealock, Jessica Conlin, David Heap, George Crowell, Louise Hollingsworth, Kendra Saucier, Rebecca Roden, Vanessa Junior, Jason Quigley, Sumbal Sabah, Kee Dewdney, Margo Does, Celeste Lemive, Jennifer Chestnut. Regrets: Richard Bird, Matthew Pelosa
2. **Speaker** – Kee Dewdney, biologist for the Thames/Talbot Newport Conservation Authority. Presentation of facts from the Citizens Inquest (regarding the 9/11 destruction of the World Trade Centre in New York). Request that the CoC officially endorse the Citizens Inquest. Consensus was that George would informally attend Citizens Inquest meetings and report back to us as needed but we would not endorse it as a group. Hand out: “New Operating Assumptions for Activist Groups,” prepared by Citizens Inquest, London.
3. **Minutes** – June 14, 2011 approved, Rory, second, David
4. **Treasurer’s report:** Nick resigned as Treasurer. Mathew Pelosa, an accountant, will take the position until the AGM. Geoff and Don will be co-signers. \$91 in account. Ten new members – \$50 in new members reimbursement.
5. **James Loney** – Sept 21 – Wolf Hall - “Captivity” book signing in conjunction with Peace Day – People for Peace, Transition London, and CoC sponsors. Book signing and selling to benefit CoC. Ordering 30. Lists for \$32. Advertised in Library Access Magazine, pg. 19
6. **Car Free Festival** – Sat., Sept. 17, Sunday, Sept. 18, noon to 5:00 - 10 to 12 setup. Louise, Jen – set up Sunday, Rory – set up Saturday, David - Sunday, Organic Oscars (Katrina) will have tent and materials there, Rory will store tent at his house in the future.
7. **Maude Barlow** – **Thursday, Oct. 6th** with Kings College Social Justice Program, 7:00 pm – Labatt Hall – free – limited seating – arrive early - do not crowd out students. Her subject will be water and CETA. We accept donations from CoC members at our table and will give them to Kings College to help pay for the event.

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Friday, Oct. 7th informal breakfast with Maude, 7:00 am – (we will pick her up from her hotel) Café at Windermere Manor. Buffet - reserved seating - \$15 students, \$20 others, the room can hold 70, Maude will address the audience informally - Louise will take reservations – Louise will make a poster

8. **AGM with speaker Glen Pearson** – His subject will be “The Need for the CoC.” Nov. 14, Best Western Lamplighter, 5:00 to 6:00 pm members vote on new board, 8:00 pm speaker, \$28 ticket for meal before Oct. 12th, after the 12th price goes up to \$40, \$10 just to hear the speaker at 8:00. Louise will make tickets and sell them at Maude’s speech.
9. **L.O.O.K. It’s a Party** – Report by Jess. August 13, 10 – 6, Western Fair Queen’s Park. This was the second year of the Eco Arts Festival which was successful with conceptual art, a waste free deposit agreement with deposit returned if place was clean, and music donated by musicians. It will be August 11 next year with local beer and wine, a homemade battery to power things, and a scavenger hunt to get people into the market. The LOOK banner will be on our tent at Car Free.
10. **CETA** - Report by George – We will initiate meetings with MPs and MPPs. Branford signed a resolution to reject CETA. Proposal to send a small group to City Council to make a presentation and ask for them to officially reject CETA in London. Group to meet to work on wording of resolution to reject CETA – Jen, Roberta, Louise, and George. Urgency of this matter discussed because it will be ratified or not by January. Hand out: “Ten Reasons Why CETA is Bad for Canada,” prepared by the Trade Justice Network.
11. **Canadian Boat to Gaza** – Report by David. This chapter is supporting a presentation this Thursday and Friday at King’s University College and Valley View Church.
12. **Report on structure of the London Chapter of the CoC** – Don. Hand out – “London Chapter Activities from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011”. Hand out – “CoC Executive for 2011 – 2012.” Hand out – “Chapter Committees”. There are nine committees with Chairs and Co-chairs. Idea to use interns from the colleges as co-chairs paired up with committee chairs. Each committee will be responsible for one program at a general meeting to be from 7:30 to 8:30 with a speaker and Q & A. October program by Economics and Trade Committee Chair George on CETA.

Submitted: Roberta Cory