

Canadian Society of Environmental Biologists
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
October 28, 2005

Meeting called to order 5:15 by the President.

1. *Welcome and Introductions.* Pat Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that the budget was balanced for this year and a new board has been nominated by the board.

Attendees introduced themselves. Present were:

Pat Ryan, President
Joe Hnatiuk, Saskatchewan
Jeff Hovdebo, Manitoba
Shawn Martin, Vice President
Gary Ash, Membership Chair
Ann Wilson, Territories
Brian Free, Alberta
Tim Slaney
Shannon Miller, Conference organiser
Patty Kendrick
Sherry Dalton Alberta
Jackie Spry, Secretary/Treasurer

2. *Previous minutes.* The minutes of the 2005 AGM held in Toronto were reviewed.

Motion: to accept the minutes (J. Hnatiuk/J. Hovdebo) Carried.

3. *2005 Budget.* Pat Ryan presented the 2006 budget as prepared by the Treasurer. The budget was balanced in 2005 and the 2006 budget will depend on the location of the AGM as this will affect the travel budget.

In 2003, a resolution was passed which allowed for payment of travel costs for other directors to attend the meeting. This was in effect for that year only. Gary Ash has solicited corporate funding for this conference which may cover some of the directors costs. (At present, only the president and the secretary/treasurer are funded).

Joe Hnatiuk requested \$500 to help cover the costs of the Saskatchewan director.

Motion: to prioritize to cover directors' costs if funds are available (S. Dalton/J. Hovdebo). Carried.

2004 Financial Report. 2004 Financial report was presented by the Treasurer. Attending members reviewed it

Motion: to accept financial report (G. Ash/J. Hovdebo). Carried.

2006 Budget. The 2006 Budget was presented by the Treasurer. At present, a deficit is anticipated, but things are in place to increase revenues- e.g. membership drive, fundraising.

Motion: to accept 2006 budget (S. Martin/B. Free). Carried.

4. *Membership Report.* Gary Ash presented the membership report. There are presently 216 members, primarily regular members, but also student, library, associate and honorary categories.

Motion: to accept membership report (P. Kendrick/J. Hnatiuk). Carried.

5. *Election of Officers and Directors.* The Board nominated a slate of officers which were presented to the members:

President Shawn Martin Acclaimed

1st VP Brian Free- Acclaimed

2ndVP Natalie Helferty - if she accepts.

2nd VP Anne Wilson

The president asked for nominations from floor. None were forthcoming.

Motion: to accept new directors, pending pending acceptance by Natalie Helferty (J. Hnatiuk/J. Hovdebo). Carried.

Shawn Martin indicated that he would like to see the listserv used more by directors as it is a valuable tool.

6. *Regional reports.* Regional reports were given.

NL- not active- there are too many other groups, diluting the membership

Atlantic- Pat Stewart is trying for a meeting to reactivate the chapter. The chapter hopes to have the annual meeting in NB in 2007.

QB – no information at this time

ON- no information at this time

MB- no information at this time, but Doug Ramsey was contacted and was interested in hosting the 2006 AGM.

SK- The new chair is Robert Stedwell. Joe Hnatiuk and Jeff Hovdebo are directors. The chapter is active with a growing membership.

AB- reported on the conference and felt it had gone well.

BC- no information at this time. Tim Slaney was asked if he would consider being a director and he accepted. Tim has been a member of CSEB for several years.

Chapter accountability was discussed as per rebates which are offered to active chapters. The annual audit is not required for the chapters.

7. *Publications.* Publications of previous conferences are available. The 2005 conference will be available on CD. Speakers will be asked for their permission to publish. (If no answer is received, it will be assumed to be a positive response.)

8. *2006/2007 AGMs.* The 2006 AGM will be held in Manitoba (no details available at this time) The 2007 is expected to be held in New Brunswick.

9. *Revisions to the by-laws.* Pat Ryan reported on the updated bylaws. The revised by-laws have been passed by the membership. One discrepancy was noted in Section 9 which will be amended.

The updated version will be reprinted without revisions highlighted. The amendment to Section 9 will either be voted on by the membership or corrected by the board.

10. *Communications.* Shawn Martin reported that the CSEB listserv is available for use. The website is maintained by Vanessa McMain. Listserv is available.

11. *Honorary Membership Nominations.* Gary Ash was nominated for Honorary memberships due to his long service to the organisation, particularly as membership secretary.

Motion: to accept the motion by the board to make Gary an honorary member (J. Hnatiuk/J. Hovdebo). Carried.

12. *Other Business.* Other business resulted in a discussion initiated by Joe Hnatiuk about the decline in membership. He felt that marketing of the organisation should be the #1 priority of the new board. In particular, the students should be a target market. New members have joined as a result of the conference.

13. *Adjournment.*

Motion: to adjourn meeting (J. Hnatiuk/P.Kendrick) Carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.