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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **May 24, 2012** **4/12**

Present:

Jim Anderton	Alan Arbuckle
Lee Armstrong	Gerry Boyce
Vince Carroll	David Chernushenko
Barclay Cormack	Steve Curtis
Tom Dewey	Rob Dunfield
Ken Graham	Ed Hand
Magda Kubasiewicz	John H. Miller
Sharon Mousseau	Lyle Pederson
Ray Scissons	Mark Tinlin

Staff:

Diane Downey	Dell Hallett
Don Maciver	Michelle Paton
Brian Stratton	

Regrets:

David Crowley	Steve Desroches
Andy Jozefowicz	Brad Wing

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1	Moved by:	Sharon Mousseau
	Seconded by:	Steve Curtis

That Agenda items 3, 4, 6, and 10 be approved by mutual consent.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, April 26, 2012**

The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, #3/12, April 26, 2012 were approved by consent.

4. **Business Arising from Minutes** None.

5. Meetings

a) Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Meeting, May 8, 2012

Diane Downey provided the following update on the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Meeting:

1. The Foundation received a \$30,000 gift from the Molson Coors Community Cheer contest. The funds will be used to construct a 35m permanent pedestrian bridge at the Chapman Mills Conservation Area; construction is scheduled to begin this fall.
2. The Foundation is one of seven charities to receive funding from this year's HOPE Volleyball Summerfest. RVCA's tree planting program will receive this \$25,000 gift.
3. The RVCF joined with the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind on April 14 to host a rain barrel sale. This event raised approximately \$2,000 for the Foundation.
4. The RVCF continues its Director recruitment efforts and recently welcomed Anne Simmering to the Board.

b) Friends of Foley Mountain Annual General Meeting, May 23, 2012

Dell Hallett and Ken Graham attended the Friends of Foley Mountain Annual General Meeting and the official opening of the Silversides Barn, a two-level, insulated building that will enhance the education opportunities at Foley Mountain through its proximity to nature trails and beaver ponds.

Dell Hallett reported that the Friends of Foley Mountain are recruiting new Board Members.

6. Accounts Paid, April 1 – 30, 2012

The Accounts Paid, April 1 to 30, 2012 was approved by consent.

7 Staff Report – Insurance Premiums for 2012 / 2013 Term

Dell Hallett explained that the Errors and Omissions insurance line item covers both Board Members and staff and helps protect professional advice- and service-providing individuals and companies from bearing the full cost of defending against a negligence claim. Ken Graham stressed that the importance of continuous coverage as gaps in coverage can result in loss of coverage for prior acts.

Mr. Hallett confirmed that Conservation Ontario established a six-member Insurance Committee that was tasked with obtaining insurance quotes, choosing brokers and insurance carriers.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Lyle Pederson
Seconded by: Jim Anderton

That the Authority pay the premium for the 2012/2013 policy year as set by our insurance brokers, AON Reed Stenhouse in the amount of \$96,635.68.

Motion Carried

8. Staff Presentation – 2012 Priorities

Dell Hallett presented the 2012 Program Directions (attached).

Diane Downey spoke to the RVCA Information Management priority advising that a small team has been appointed to investigate options. Data information systems used by other Conservation Authorities and document management software solutions are currently being investigated. Staff continue to develop departmental workflows.

Mr. Hallett advised that the process for producing future Subwatershed Reports has changed slightly to ensure that sub-catchment information data is available when the Reports are released at the Annual General Meeting.

In response to questions about the Source Protection Plan, Mr. Hallett advised that the province has not yet indicated the extent of implementation funding.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Sharon Mousseau
Seconded by: Gerry Boyce

That the Board of Directors receive this report for information.

Motion Carried

9. Staff Presentation – WaterCan Trip to Uganda

Brian Stratton reported on his WaterCan trip to Uganda earlier this year and responded to questions from Board Members (presentation attached).

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Jim Anderton
Seconded by: Ed Hand

That the Board of Directors receive this report for information.

Motion Carried

10. May Activity Reports

The following motion was approved on consent:

That the RVCA Board of Directors receive the May Activity Reports.

11. Member Inquiries

In response to a question from Barclay Cormack regarding changes to the Ontario Stewardship Program, Dell Hallett stated that Stewardship Councils will have to incorporate or align themselves with other organizations. Mr. Hallett confirmed that lobbying efforts are under way.

12. New Business None

13. Upcoming Meetings

a) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting, Thursday, June 7, 2012

b) RVCA Board of Directors Watershed Tour and Meeting, 1pm, Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. Hallett stressed that quorum was imperative for this meeting as the Source Protection Authority must receive the Draft Source Protection Plan and approve its posting.

c) HOPE Volleyball Summerfest, Saturday, July 14, 2012

Board Members who would like to volunteer to help the RVCA conservation team with parking patrol duties on Saturday, July 14 should contact Michelle Paton.

d) Joint Source Protection Authority Meeting with Mississippi Valley, 1 pm, Thursday, July 26, 2012 (August meeting cancelled)

Dell Hallett stressed the importance of quorum for this meeting as the Mississippi Valley Conservation Source Protection Authority and the Rideau Valley Conservation Source Protection Authority must approve the submission of the Draft Source Protection Plan to the Minister of the Environment.

18. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. This was moved by Alan Arbuckle and seconded by Ray Scissons.

Ken Graham
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary