

Minutes
June 2, 2004 Conference Call

On Line: Tony Turner, Bob Helie, John Meikle, Tom Beechey , Dan Paleczny and Leigh Warren

Regrets received: Martha Gorman, Doug Ballam, Jean Gagnon and Ed Wiken.

Item 1: Web Site

Dan indicated that at this stage, his original circulated plan to revamp the web site should be pared down. Directors had been asked to go through the existing site and examine each page for content and provide suggestions for format change. This is a very time consuming task and has met with only minor participation of Board members.

Dan suggested that we maintain the current format with Directors giving thought to pages on increasing the content on partnerships and current material and activities that we can work with.

Presently, Dan has access to a volunteer to work on the web site. She has only had time to make minor changes to the site and will not have the opportunity to concentrate on the site. It was suggested that if the web site is viewed as a Council priority, it would be advantageous to hire an individual to complete the task

Council will have to review the financial situation and decide if this approach is desired and viable.

Action: Dan Paleczny, John V., All

Item 2: CARTS

It was reported that the Canadian Parks Council had endorsed in principal the CARTS project and has struck a sub-committee chaired by Adair Ireland (Ontario) to examine the various connections. To date, the contents of the minutes of the CPC meeting has not been available to review for content or actual direction that CPC will take however informal contact has indicating that CARTS is a good news story.

It was necessary for the Board to approve Tony Turner as CCEA's representative on the CARTS Project.

Robert Helie made the motion that Anthony (Tony) Turner be approved as CCEA's representative on the CARTS Committee and undertake all activities as

previously outlined in the Memo of Understanding The motion was seconded by John Meikle and approved by all.

Action: Tony Turner

Item 3: 1 Million Map (Framework Project)

Bob Helie reported that the project is going very well with permission received from all jurisdictions for use of their data.. CCEA will receive high visibility through this project.

Bob also reported that Environment Canada's Indicator's group has once again requested use of the CAD to update a PA fact sheet written last year. They also indicated an interest in CARTS

Directors were interested in viewing the past fact sheet on the internet. Bob will circulate the URL to the Board.

Action: Bob Helie

Item 4: 2004 AGM.

It would appear at this time that there is little enthusiasm from the Manitoba group for a joint meeting in October. Contact with Helios Hernandez has not been encouraging.

It has become evident that the Council should develop a contingency plan. Suggested was a meeting/workshop to be held late in October in either Toronto or Ottawa with Ottawa preferred at this time. In addition to a 2 day CCEA Board meeting a workshop of invited participants could be organized around the themes of CARTS with possibly a session on Yolanda's report. Both topics would give an opportunity for jurisdiction participation. In addition, time would be set aside for a jurisdiction roundtable

A small committee under the Chair of Tony Turner of Ottawa centered members will examine the this possibility. The results will be reported to the Board during the next conference call;

**Action: Tony Turner, Ed Wiken,
Bob Helie, Claire Gosson
and Leigh Warren**

Tom Beechey will telephone Helio's as a final effort and courtesy call on behalf of the Board

Action: Tom Beechey

Item 5: Newsletter

In the past, it had been thought that a revamped web site would reduce the need for a Newsletter. It is apparent with the amount of work to be undertaken on the web site, the newsletter will remain an important outreach tool.

John Meikle has offered to be the central contact for incoming material and the Board approved John Vandall's earlier suggestion of the use of one of his staff as a volunteer to format the newsletter.

A review of earlier suggested items would appear to give the newsletter ample content and depth. Those who had volunteered material (listed below) are requested to submit their articles to John Meikle **by July 15**

Volunteered articles:

- 1) Business Plan Summary (Tony)
- 2) CARTS summary (Tony)
- 3) Climate Change (John V.)
- 4) NPA project (Bas, Tom Yolanda)
- 5) Yellowknife Workshop (Bas)
- 6) CCEA Awards citations (Tony)
- 7) Profile on Stan Rowe (Ed)
- 8) World Parks Conference-COPS 7 (Dan)

In addition, there is an opportunity with members of the Board associated with various other ENGO's to solicit contributions to the newsletter to broaden the level of partnership e.g.

- 1) NCC (Martha)
- 2) WHC (Ed)
- 3) Canadian Parks Council
- 4) IUCN Canadian Committee

Jurisdictional representatives will be contacted to encourage their submission of a 500 word summary of activities over the last year (Leigh)

Action: As listed

Item 6: Nominations

There has been no action indicated in finding a solution to the present Chair dilemma . In addition, a review of the present Board would indicate that terms for 10 members of the present Board expire at the 2004 AGM. There is no evidence that new members have been solicited. The Nominating Standing Committee (Ed, Martha, Judy and Jean) were urgently requested to begin work on this topic.

**Action: Ed Wiken, Martha Gorman,
Judy Loo and Jean Gagnon**

Item 7: Next Conference Call

Suggested date for the next call is June 30