

SIERRA CLUB CANADA FOUNDATION  
 AGM  
 1 Nicholas Street, Suite 1510, Ottawa, Ontario  
 Saturday, December 13, 2014  
 12:00 p.m.

#	Time Eastern	Agenda item	Speaker	Materials	Discussion/Action/Motion
1	12:00 pm	<b>Call to order of meeting</b>	Chair		<p><b>Present:</b> see list (present and by proxy)            Quorum achieved, called to order at 12:05 p.m.</p> <p><b>Phone participants:</b>            Peter Smith            Gretchen Fitzgerald            Floris Enisk            Mary Kainer</p> <p><b>Joined by phone at staff reports:</b>            Crystal Lameman            Silver Donald Cameron            Dan McDermott</p> <p>Auditor, Shail Chawla, <b>joined the meeting by phone during auditor's report.</b></p>
2	12:05	<b>Appoint minute taker</b>			Paula Boutis appointed/volunteered to take minutes
3	12:10	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Chair		Mover: Mary Kainer Seconder: David Snider Carried
4	12:15	<b>Approval of minutes from 2013 and 2014 AGM</b>	Chair	Draft minutes	Motion to waive reading of minutes Mover: Jeremy Seconder: Paula Carried  Motion to adopt July 31, 2013 Minutes and June 11 2014 Minutes Mover: Gordon Seconder: Nick

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5	12:20	<b>Remarks from the President/ Transition Update</b>	Michael		<p>Moved a lot of the infrastructure from the Club to Foundation side mostly for financial reasons. Historically Foundation “less active”, supported education and charitable work, not the public face in the past. Was the Club. Transition is a big one. New bylaws for Foundation and absorbed the staff. A few outstanding issues. Should now allow us to grow and build up the charity work. Need to build our fundraising efforts. Get public face of Foundation. Looking for whole new website for Foundation.</p> <p>Meeting attendees comment: Thanks to Michael for his work in a difficult transition year. Michael returns the thanks.</p>
6	12:30	<b>National Program Director’s Report</b>	John		<p>JB thanks the outgoing board. Special mention to Ralph Torrie who stepped down for health reasons. Wants to thank Kristina Jackson, most of last year NOD. Did heavy lifting. On transition, but also in this present situation re CRA, think makes us better in terms of CRA rules. Will make our reporting simpler and clearer. We haven’t been audited since Jan 2011. Unlike many others.</p> <p>Finances not great. But still getting money in. But so far this December not as good as last December.</p> <p>Bigger issues we’ve been part of: fracking Gretchen in ACC; unheard of having bans in place. We have been working on Bees issue - in 2013 saw a void on this issue in Canada. Two weeks ago, Ontario announced 80% phase out. Worked hand in hand with Ontario Beekeepers’ Association. Huge win. A couple months ago a property owner came forward and wants to support a save the bees tour. We will be travelling across the country, starting in Victoria. Biggest battle we have is the Feds, and their inability to regulate. PMRA - regulator captured by the industry.</p>

					<p>Climate Change - COP20 extended in Lima. Failed to come to agreement so far. Not unusual. Intended to create framework on new targets. Kyoto period long over. Ended 2012. Need another agreement. Obama went to China in the fall and came to agreement. Despite this, still seeing hesitance. Emissions gone down because Ontario shut down coal plants. And never recovered from 2008 recession. Growing emissions in the oil patch. Harper said “crazy” policy to put regulations on oil patch. Will be meeting with Kathleen Wynne with other leaders end of January re Energy East Pipeline. Aim to negotiate plan directly with provinces. Meeting expected to be about carbon pricing.</p> <p>Developing potential for us - drilling for oil in arctic. Talking to NRDC - want Canadian partners to respond to potential of drilling in Arctic. That was when it was more expensive. Looking for partners with NRDC.</p> <p>Species at Risk. SARA - we worked hard on this act when it was passed. Are members of Species at Risk Advisory Committee. 2x per year we meet. About 300 species behind at this time. Last committee left between gov’t and feds. With new Minister, last June’s meeting was arbitrarily cancelled. No explanation given. Found out Minister turned it down. SARA requires a roundtable, and that was arbitrarily cancelled as well. So something is brewing. Want to figure out how to get more attention on this before do more damage. This is the only Act they haven’t messed with.</p> <p>Energy East. This is a plan to convert nat. gas pipeline out west, to pump oil east. This is the biggest pipeline project. Now formally going forward. Have been talking to people and orgs to put together a consortium to participate in the hearings. The first hurdle will be to be qualified as interveners. Tried to intervene on Line 9 and were turned</p>
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					<p>down. This will all depend on the price of oil. With \$50 barrel, interest may wane. Some older tar sand plants may be profitable, but the new ones aren't. If can't pump oil and sell it at a profit, questionable if will invest on pipeline.</p> <p>Love canal - dig up the remains and travel to Canada - couldn't stop it, but likely we will stop the next one. That was our effort to get it unearthed and made a big deal.</p> <p>Ontario, Glen Murray Minister (MOE&amp;CC), committed to dealing with climate change.</p> <p>See blogs and blasts - most successful - the one on the Mi'kmaq in New Brunswick.</p> <p>Telemarketers - say when they call donors supporting David Suzuki Fdn. We'll keep moving on that.</p> <p>Our position is no more pipelines - moratorium on tar sands. Everything has changed with fracking. US exporting oil for first time since Second World War. Can't continue to expand tar sands if we are going to reduce emissions. Very hard to reduce the emissions. Very energy intensive way to get energy. But a huge sunk investment, and oil cos don't like to walk away. But price dropping expansion likely to come to a stop.</p>
7	12:40	<b>Regional Staff/ Volunteer Reports</b> (5 min each)	<p>Dan McDermott (ON)</p> <p>Gretchen Fitzgerald (ACC)</p> <p>Floris Enisk (QC)</p> <p>Silver Donald</p>		<p><b>Dan:</b> Ontario's major funding comes from Growing the Ontario Greenbelt. Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. Protect Natural areas and prime farm land. No Greenbelt lands in Mississauga - We are very close to success on expanding it here. Brampton - want to do a lot of work there too. City admin reluctant. That should change with election of new Mayor. Niagara Region - Thorold eager to join the Greenbelt. Wellington County also an area of interest. Timing quite good - our grant due to run out summer 2015. New LOI from FGB is due</p>

			<p>Cameron - Agent</p> <p>Gabriela Rappell (SYC)</p> <p>Crystal Lameman - Prairie</p>	<p>Feb - and will have it in. Also have Natural Capital project. First in Mississauga, supporting our Greenbelt work. Looking to expand. Also working in Ajax and get funding from RBC to rehab a beach. Local CA complemented this work too. This is drawing very active volunteers. Mary Muter - GL section - working tirelessly on protecting water quality and quantity. GLPA - continues to unfold slowly. Some funding for GLWQ agreement - one commitment worth following up with - nutrient loading problem. Algal Bloom issues. The Big Pipe - opposed 10 years ago - re sewage from York to Duffin Creek Waste Treatment plan - Town of Ajax fighting nutrient flow coming from the pipe which gov't wants to triple! Have very experienced and qualified volunteers for new water committee. Every reason to believe Greenbelt will be here for long-term.</p> <p><b>Gretchen:</b> major campaigns - lots of individual or group campaigns on case by case basis too - major - fracking, protecting Gulf of St. Lawrence, Nature Education Program, and contribute to Energy debate. Fracking - an historic movement. Key role about educating people on the impacts. Now have a ban on fracking in NS and a promise of ban in NB! In Nfld have moved from approving leases to frack to doing a review of fracking. Unprecedented! On the Gulf, proposal to drill in the middle of the St. Lawrence - critical to tourism and fishing and natural gem; working on this and with other groups to raise as many issues as we can. FN announced want a 12 year moratorium in the Gulf. Launched Blue Whale campaign to make people understand how important the Gulf is. Home to what we think will be identified as critical habitat for blue whale. Over 30 presentations on this issue. Getting media on this as well. "Name a Whale" - partnering with researcher working on Blue Whales. Has resonated with kids in schools. See website. Wild Child - running since 2010. So much in the media</p>
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				<p>now about issues with kids - not playing outside, not connecting with nature, each other - Wild Child aims to tackle a lot of those issues. Expanded to PEI this year. Trying to fund through social enterprise - do in Halifax. On Energy - very dedicated volunteer - Fred Winsor - pushing and continues to push for solutions to climate change. Allow feed GE into the grid finally! Close by saying that we are getting a lot of volunteers asking what we're doing on the topic of energy - want to propose at this meeting that a national committee be struck to deal with the issue of energy east and learn from each other. Harness power of membership along the route as much as we can. John: it's a good idea, we'll do it. Want to add a volunteer component to it, and coordinate better. BC might have lessons for us. Gabriela - suggests we might have more to learn from Keystone fight.</p> <p><b>Floris</b> - 100% volunteer by default, not by choice! But big group very active on 4 campaigns. 1 - bioblitzes, biodiversity education programs. Do events on a regular basis. 2 - Land stewardship committee - protection of greenspaces in and around Montreal. 3 - Water Committee - from action H2O project, not that active this year. Not sure if continue. 4 - Energy East - hearings readiness. Support picking that up on a national level.</p> <p><b>Silver</b> - author and broadcaster from NS. Acts as agent of Foundation for project. Trailer tells it as it is. Movement across co of embedding environmental rights in the Constitution. Purpose of film is to expand upon that. Aiming for feature length documentary. Greenrights.com</p> <p><b>Gabriela</b> - we've got 2 people wrapping up at COP 20 - had a table promoting environmental justice and all things youth - we are part of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition. Divestment campaign. SYC is</p>
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				<p>also on board of Sustainability and Education Network, working on divestment issues. Need to get to investment committees and putting arguments to them. Moved past ignore stage, into mocking stage! Lots of blowback against Financial Post for this. Definitely into the fighting stages too. Tie in with bee campaign as well and promoting sustainability and food security on campus (now wrapped up). Struggling on funding going forward - need to adapt. Funders don't want to refund a project, even if successful. Funders have new funding priorities. So starting to get back on our feet, rebuild from scratch. Have committed volunteers and lots of ideas. We have funding to develop social enterprise model. So have a coach for that, but really had trouble. When finally got approval, had staffing changes. So staff gone. So need to get buy in from the board on that issue going forward. It isn't just an SYC thing - was pitched as a Foundation wide thing. Workshops we can offer to pay for our services. To deliver a higher level of workshop. At same time reach broader network, and engage more actively, bring on as volunteers and donors too.</p> <p><b>Crystal</b> - member of Beaver Lake FN - Alberta - 2 ½ hours from Edmonton. Currently only campaigner for Sierra Club in Alberta. Been with SC since July 2012. Currently my FN engaged in high profile treaty rights cumulative impacts litigation - about tar sands - duty to consult issue. We are in treaty no. 6. There are 50 FN in that territory, BL is one of them. Had to make a choice - do we let it continue or do we do our best to mitigate the impacts of this industrialization. Also natural gas and logging. All work together to industrialize our territory. That was the foundation of the work when I first started. It was about raising platform of indigenous peoples. FN rights are the last stronghold we have in protecting the environment. About a year ago - maybe 2 - I for wrote a book "A Line in the Sand" - I wrote for that book. It</p>
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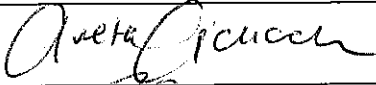


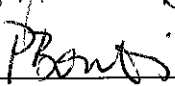
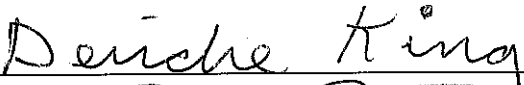
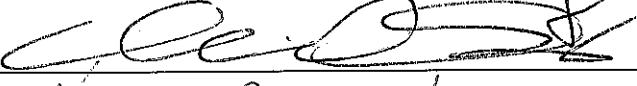
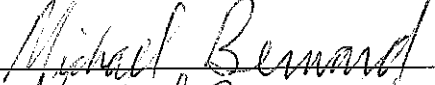
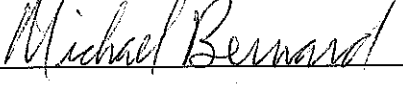

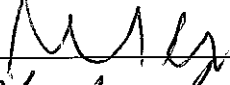


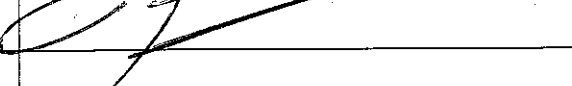
					<p>officially launched in NY in September. Since then we've been asked to hold a book launch in Edmonton. Also AB Tar Sands Network, me with Sierra Club, and GP, Keepers of Athabasca, Mother Earth Action Co-op, Pembina. We meet every week. Always actively engaged in each other's work. Trying to engage people the people that are not engaged yet - think music is a great way to do that. Planning a concert for the early part of the year. Around end of February as I am planning a wellness event in my community. Also a big food sovereignty conference coming up. Just submitted a grant for a gathering. After the Healing Walk - we made the collective decision last year that this last one would be the last one, because we felt that what we wanted out of it - goal had been reached. Want to focus on front line impacted communities. Community will decide what day of action will be, but needs to be grounded in ceremony, so not direct action. Hoping to be end of June. Planning big events. Also working on feasibility study now with BL. Connected with US orgs - cross border solar project. Trying to figure out how it will look. BL and another FN also filed another case as well - against Alberta Energy regulator - re one of their projects up here re Athabasca deposit area, within our traditional area. Pushed out first nations and farmers. So FN exercised their rights to be consulted. Are preparing for court, January some time. Trying to see how best to support that lawsuit. Also preparing for trial for the first lawsuit. I launched a crowdfund the night of event with other environmental leaders - to raise funds to support the lawsuit. In 20 days raised over \$33,000. Simple blog, 2 minute video! Paid for an entire study we needed for the lawsuit. Also worked with others and filmed and spoke to elders in my community. Documenting oral history. Looking to crowd fund for that as well. I also do a lot of speaking engagements. Travel way too much. U of Alberta coming up. Divest U Vic - will</p>
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					keynote there too. Just in Chicago U of Illinois.
8	2:05	<b>Review of 2013 audit.</b> (Previously accepted by members in June 2014)	Auditor / Treasurer		<p><b>Report of auditor Shail Chawla (Parker Prins Lebano LLP).</b> Clean auditor's report, best you can get. Overall assets increased. Biggest swing - are loans receivable from related party. Loaned to SCC to cover cash short-falls. Cash gone up by about \$50K. Monies held on behalf of Ontario Chapter.</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Key: net worth of org - gone down.</p> <p><b>Auditor:</b> Due to income statement. See page 4. Seeing this commonly with non-profits and charities. New line item for income - project recovery. Page 8. Next page is statement of cashflows. Shows how cash used in the organization. Positive numbers - cash coming in and negative - cash going out. <b>Treasurer:</b> 24 months summarized - it's clear not sustainable. Fundraising critical going forward. Encouraging that is \$500,000 coming in. But have to make sure we live within our means. <b>Auditor:</b> Notes on financial - standard notes. See page 7 - note 4 - loan receivable - related party. Note 5 - related parties.</p>
9	2:15	<b>Appointment of Auditors for 2015 audit</b>	Treasurer		<p>Motion to appoint Parker Prins Lebano LLP  Mover: Gabriela  Secunder: Gordon  Carried</p>
10	2:20	<b>Election of Directors</b>			<p>Call for candidates from the floor:  (Candidates given 2 minutes each to speak)</p> <p>Elections for following representatives to the board (1 per class):</p> <p>Motion to elect Gabriela Rappell as the Ontario representative  Mover: Paula  Secunder: Michael  Carried</p> <p>Motion to elect Deidre King as the Quebec representative  Mover: David</p>

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3.0	2:45	<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>			<p>Motion to adjourn. Mover: Chris</p>

Sierra Club Canada Foundation Annual General Meeting – Saturday, Dec 13, 2014  
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Name	Signature
① Aneta Cichocki	
② JEREMY GAWEN	
③ MICHAEL BERNARD	
④ PAULA BOUTIS	
⑤ DEIRDRE KING	
⑥ DAVID SNIDER	
⑦ DAVID ELFSTROM (PROXY)	
⑧ Gretchen Fitzgerald	
⑩ KRISTINA JACKSON (PROXY)	Aneta Cichocki AC
⑪ GORDON MAIR	
⑫ Nick British	
⑬ GABRIELA RAPPELL	
⑭ CHRIS BALL	
⑭ JOHN BENNETT	

15	BOB MORGAN (PROXY)	JB
16	MARY KAINER (PROXY)	JB
17	GEORGIA WEST (PROXY)	not present
18	GORDON MCNUITY (PROXY)	JB
19	MICHAEL BAILEY (PROXY)	JB
20	DOROTHY KRAWETZ (PROXY)	JB
21	MARIELLE SAVARD (PROXY)	JB
22	ANTHONY REPPIN (PROXY)	CB
23	CAROLYN KINSLEY (PROXY)	JB
25	JOHN SEAGRAM (PROXY)	JG
26	ROY SCHATZ (PROXY)	JG
27	JERRY SMITKA (PROXY)	JG
28	BILL BIALKOWSKI (PROXY)	JG
29	FLORIS ENSINK (PROXY)	DK
30	RUTH EDWARD (PROXY)	JB
	PATTON (PROXY)	DK
31	ALLE BLY (PROXY)	GR