

**OPIRG Peterborough Board Meeting
Minutes September 23rd, 2020 Via Zoom**

Attendance: Jenn MacDonald, Robert Gibson, Addison Clermont, Heidi Sidky, Sam MacAndrew, Faith David, Mohamed Farah

Regrets: Angela Connors

Called to Order:

Land Acknowledgement
Check-In

Staff Reports:

Sam:

- Finances: ordering more cheques, going to bank for online banking paperwork, processing payments for diso, reviewing costs to still hire 5th student staff in budget, inputting new budget onto quickbooks and saldeirnet. Also processing levy refunds
- Diso: applying for sponsorship for Diso (sustainable trent, cupe3908, TUFA, TCSA). Emailed all groups to check in to see if anything still needed sorting for their event (extra time on poetry slam event, practicing zoom with some groups, registration reminders, putting together orange tshirt day beading kits for drop offs and pick ups, etc). Posted diso schedule on calendars (KWIC, our website, trent university, clubs and groups calendar). Updated general diso facebook page to include proper links as well as fixing all links on the website. Attending events and doing my own write ups on attendees, suggestions for improvement, etc. Brought sanitizer and masks for in person Saturday night event. Send follow up emails to organizers after events to thank them and see if there is anything else they may need.
- Hiring: Updated job postings, posters, website, informed all current applicants about extending deadline, posted on socials.
- Working Group: Amnesty International Trent Chapter possibly looking to become working group (chatted on phone with them about campaign and process) Assisting new TQC staff on budget, providing feedback on how to have staff liaison. Helping with transition of staffing and mediation/training.
- General: getting Microsoft office on new laptop, switching over old documents from previous laptop to work laptop.
Update website: meeting minutes, budget
Organizing first week for placement students (3 hours training on first day and having them attend events and doing write ups)
Went to office to put items in dumpster that could not be repurposed or recycled, reorganized (making sure PPE materials easily found/accessible space), brought some items from basement up, organizing time for Matt to fix ceiling in free

market room. Emailed CRRC and Trent Apiary to organize time to move all items from basement up by end of month.
Helped Heidi make power point for volunteer fair

Placement Students:

Mohamed:

- Going to do a literature search review with Faith and hold some event series about the housing crisis in Peterborough

Faith:

- Attended 6 of the 10 events last week for Dis-Orientation
- Working on the lit review

Board Reports:

Addison:

- Met with financial collective for Provincial. There have been lots of changes and a change of date for the AGM.
- Went to help Sam with moving some storage furniture from the basement into the market space
- Went to the bank to help set up online banking

Robert:

- Went to the Trail and livestreamed the Historical Walk event
- Attended the sexy bingo
- Helped Sam put things away in the office and visited to help with the office

Angela:

- Moderated 2 Dis-Orientation events; Orange T-Shirt Beading Circle & Indigenous Sovereignty 101
- Assisted Sam with TQC staff issues

Jenn:

- Reviewing resumes and applications as they come in

Heidi:

- Attended Dis-O events
- Helped out with live streaming of the Beading Workshop
- Virtual Volunteer Fair

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Heidi. Board consensus.

Passed Motions via Email:

None at this time.

Old Business:

1. *Approval of past meeting minutes for September 9th, 2020.*
Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Robert. 1 Abstention. Board Consensus
2. *Review of Board Retreat* – Motioned to table the review of the Board retreat until the next in-person board meeting. Consensus reached to table.
3. *Working Group Free Market Meeting – Via Zoom*
 - The meeting had discussion about the Free Market
 - There was concern about language being used in meetings along the lines of anti-poverty
 - The consensus was to have a meeting on Sundays
 - Next meeting is to go through the application process to become a working group
 - Talked about consultation, the group would like to continue meetings with the community
 - Samm asked Sam to help them receive the anti-oppression and consensus based decision making training

New Business:

1. *Dis-Orientation Review*
 - Historical Walk & Talk
 - With Michael Eamon, President of Traill College
 - No in person attendees. Had over 100 views on the video.
 - There was a bit of video cut out which has been common for Instagram
 - Robert: to have more space on the device
 - FNB talk on Trent Radio
 - Talked generally about their mandate, issues around COVID, getting involved, etc.
 - Film Screening with ReFrame and BLM Nogo
 - Panel discussion was well organized and prepared with questions
 - Multiple chat areas for viewers to ask questions
 - around 22 people attended
 - Farm to Table Tour

- Did cut out a few times
- The wind from being outside made it a bit difficult to hear
- Very informative
- 25 people in attendance
- Orange T-Shirt Beading
 - Had tech difficulties which led to starting late
 - Was a bit longer than originally planned for
 - Gave out 14 beading kits, and had 14 in attendance
- KWICs Workshop Activism and Why Youth?
 - Extremely well organized
 - A great facilitator
 - 14 people in attendance as well as the YLS class which was 12
- Lynn Gehls, Indigenous Sovereignty 101
 - 11 people in attendance plus 12 YLS
 - Angela mediated which helped facilitate
 - Did get a suggestion about having it longer for the facilitator to answer more questions
- Building Connections
 - Attendance 3
 - Questions were very great
 - Very well organized
- Virtual Sexy Bingo
 - 44 people in attendance
 - Set up was at Sadleir House with performances and bingo
 - Did need 2 devices; one to watch, and one to play bingo on – a potential barrier for folk
 - Some people in attendance at Sadleir House which interrupted the sound a bit
- Peterborough Poetry Slam
 - 2 people in attendance
 - Unfortunately, was not as organized as quickly and swiftly as the other events
 - There was no lighting due to not being able to access Sadleir House

General:

- Tech created some issues
- Attendance was overall lower due to lack of Vegan BBQ but individual events had more participants than usual
- Good to do virtual and in person for events in the future

2. *Likhts'amsiyu Fundraising Sponsorship Request*

- Received an email from Myles from FNB
- A gilding project
- Recognition of intergenerational nature of colonization, not only to defend territory from industry

- A budget for wood shed which would be \$2555
- We already did approve \$200 to support Wet'Su'Weten a few months back which was not spent. There is a suggestion to use these funds towards this project
- We received a new request to support the Likhts'amsiyu community. As we have already approved funding to support their Indigenous community which was not used, the board has decided to devote those funds to this specific project.

Action Item: Sam to find and share other links to fundraisers and related topics to support their project.

3. *Gift cards for residents displaced by fire*

- <https://globalnews.ca/news/7348545/support-victims-peterborough-apartment-fire/>
- Robert: thinking to support the residences who have been displaced.
- In the article, there was around 30 people mentioned who could be displaced
- Funds for this would come out of sponsorship line in the budget
- There are currently \$5000 in the budget for sponsorship
- Robert would like to propose \$200 to support residents displaced by the fire on Hunter St. by purchasing gift cards.
- The gift cards would be donated to the fire department who will be distributing them to the residents.
- Heidi will reach out to find out what areas they need support for to coordinate gift cards
- Robert will follow up with an email to the board and to host an e-motion

4. *Moose moratorium*

- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/algonquin-barriere-lake-moose-moratorium-1.5723545>
- <https://www.facebook.com/NogoSolidarityUncededAlgonquinTerritory>
- Regarding the decline in Moose within the Indigenous Community
- Conflict between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous and other hunters
- Algonquin's of Barriere Lake have been calling for a complete moratorium on sport hunting for the last 3 years
- There is a solidarity page in Nogojiwanong with a petition
- Sam received an email from Sustainable Trent with a link to the petition to call for a complete moratorium of hunting Moose
- Robert brought forth a proposal to table a sponsorship for this to the next meeting. Consensus was achieved.

5. *Other Business*

- Sam would like to request September 29th and October 2nd for vacation days.

- The board is all in support.

Check out

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, October 7th 2020 at 2pm.**

Motion to Adjourn:

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Motioned by Robert. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

Adjourned at 3:42pm

Action items:

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