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OPIRG Peterborough Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022 , 6:00 PM, Via Zoom

Minutes by: Jenn MacDonald

Facilitated by: Robert Gibson

Attendance: Robert Gibson, Jenn MacDonald, Addison Clermont, Nico Koyanagi, Riva Alam, Joy Edralin

Regrets:

Announcements:

Called to Order: 6:07PM

Land Acknowledgement

Check-In

Staff Reports:

Nico Koyanagi, Coordinator:

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Board Reports:

Robert Gibson, Chair:

- Supported on the hiring committee for the TIP position with application reviews and interviews

Addison Clermont, Provincial Liaison:

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Jenn MacDonald, Staff Liaison:

- Supported on the hiring committee for all TWSP positions with application reviews and interviews

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

Passed Motions via Email/Slack:

1. **October 13, 2022 - Motion to hire Natasha (Njoki) Muriithi for the TIP Special Events Coordinator position.**
Motioned by Robert. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.
2. **October 26, 2022 - Motion to hire Joy Edralin for Social Media Coordinator, Hamza Bagha for Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, and Riva Alam for Program Coordinator**
Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Robert. Board consensus

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes for: [October 4, 2022](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from October 4, 2022

Motioned by: Addison. Seconded by Robert. Board consensus.

2. OPIRG Policies
 - a. Recommendations to approve gift card, credit card, and in-camera policies for approval at AGM, and comments on mutual aid
 - i. Mutual Aid
 1. Question around what requests would be excluded - would this apply to faith groups?
 2. Comment: maybe group funding would more likely fall under sponsorship? but as an example, I am thinking of when the mosque was fundraising after someone tried to burn it down... would that count as mutual aid and would that be considered a faith group?
 - ii. Gift Card Policy
 1. Discussion around how the gift card policy is similar to the nature of mutual aid and if the two can be combined.

2. Agreed that a gift card policy can be added as a subsection to mutual aid for when mutual aid is requested or provided in the form of gift cards
- iii. Credit Card Policy
 1. Comment that we can provide a monthly update instead of bi-weekly.
- iv. In-Camera Policy
 1. Wondering if the board has reviewed other in-camera policies
 2. Framing

Action Item: Policy Committee to meet before the next board meeting to finalize policies for further review.

3. [Chapter Support Proposal](#)

- At the AGM there was an acknowledgment that more work needs to be done on the proposal.
- We (OPIRG Peterborough) agreed to a motion that more work on developing the proposal would continue but we would not block the motion
 - How the funding will work, the logistics, etc.
- There was no vote to approve it, but a vote to not stand in the way of developing the proposal further.

Action Item: Addison and Nico will continue updating the board on further updates to the chapter support fund and will bring past concerns and questions to Provincial.

New Business:

1. Free Market Bank Account
 - Samm Medieros, a signatory on the Free Market Working Group bank account has sent in an email with concerns about not being updated on the FM working group status and ongoings and continues to have a liability and fiduciary duty to the working group although they are no longer a part of the working group.
 - Nico is suggesting the account be closed with the remaining funds being transferred to OPIRG to the Programming Budget as OPIRG Peterborough will be reabsorbing the Free Market back into programming.
 - Nico responded to Samm and apologized for Samm being left out of the group.
 - Samm expressed interest in learning about how the board came to the decision to reabsorb the Free Market under a new model.
 - Nico invited Samm to the board meeting to discuss with the Board, and to reach out with any specific questions or comments.

Motion for OPIRG Peterborough to reabsorb the funds from the Free Market Working Group to continue the program under the management of OPIRG Peterborough.

Motioned by Robert. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

Action Item: Robert to reach out to Samm and Phoenix and members of the Free Market Working Group to discuss closing the bank account for the Free Market Working Group and transferring the funds to OPIRG Peterborough so the program can continue under OPIRGs operating programs.

2. Research Proposal - Invitation to participate in a research project on Settler Colonialism, Settler Activism, and Solidarity in the City of Peterborough/Nogojiwanong
 - Looking for OPIRG archival material to support the research study
 - Nico is looking for board approval

Motion to provide Julia Mason with OPIRG archival materials for the research project n Settler Colonialism, Settler Activism, and Solidarity in the City of Peterborough/Nogojiwanong

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

3. Lilith - Arthur Newspaper
 - Arthur newspaper is creating a new section called “Lilith” which is about women and gender parity.
 - Robert wanted to share with folks as this aligns with the OPIRG mission and sees opportunity and potential for OPIRG to contribute
 - **Link:**<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rd980BYRVbJeMOxsw40o64HNnOzxGHj-RKhLX79NBRk/edit?usp=sharing>

Other Business:

In-Camera Meeting:

Motion to invite Nico Koyanagi to in-camera session

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Robert. Board consensus.

Motion to move to in-camera.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

Moved in camera at: 7:47PM

Nico left in-camera meeting: 8:01PM

Adjourned in-camera meeting at: 8:04pm

Motion from in-camera:

Motion to remove Kenzi Noble from the OPIRG Peterborough Board of Directors as per OPIRG Peterborough By-Law under section “vi. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS” it states:

3. A Director who is absent from three (3) sequential Board of Directors meetings at which they were scheduled to attend without one day prior notice shall automatically be removed from the Board of Directors. If a Director is so removed, replacement shall be according to Section v, part 4.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded Addison. Board consensus.

Check out

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Motion to Adjourn:

Motioned to Adjourn the Board Meeting.

Motioned by: Jenn. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus

Adjourned at: 8:05PM

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Indigenous abolitionist group
- Several changes to wetland

Action Items:

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