

**Minutes of WATCH Meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2008 Oaks Inn 7 pm**

Present: Barry Wilson Art Dacosta Bela Trebics  
Doug Martz Mary Lou Linton Jim Hasson  
Kris Lee

Memberships are due: \$10

Guest: Tom Kissner

1. **Call to Order:** Bela welcomed everyone.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Minutes of April meeting:** There were no minutes
4. **Guest: Tom Kissner**

Tom described the PUC Golder Report for high risk contaminants of raw water monitoring. There are 3 options. A new upstream monitoring system, utilize existing SLEA system, utilize the Michigan systems. At the last Water Commission meeting, administration looked at funding grants for new monitoring, parameters and cost of monitoring and expansion of SLEA and maintenance costs. In the next 6 months the Source Protection plans to write a grant proposal and submit a request for proposal to consulting firms. Timeline is 6 months.

The group thanked the Tom and Sheldon Parsons for their work. WATCH is very supportive of this initiative.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** m. Mary Lou Linton s. Art Dacosta
- 5.1 WATCH account 384.47
- SWIM account 461.57

5.2 The bank is charging \$5.00/month on SWIM account. Kris is to speak to the bank and if they continue to do monthly banking charges, we will amalgamate the 2 accounts. Banking charges have been deducted since Dec.2007.

5.3 Kris will take the financial statements to Paul Turner for Revenue Canada.

**6.0 New business**

6.1 Doug Martz gave an overview of nuclear waste disposal underground at Kincardine and ban on phosphorus. U.S. citizens have requested participation in Shell Environmental Assessment.

6.2 One member wished to express disappointment because there were only a few members who came for dinner at the Oaks Inn before the April meeting. This is our moment to show appreciation for providing the meeting facility.

6.3 Jim will write out a press release for support to Source Protection water monitoring grant proposal.

6.4. Walpole Women's group would like to join WATCH. We will charge them for one membership (\$10.) only. One member will be listed under watchmembers email.

6.5 Scott Grant of MOE will be presenting on Royal Polymers in July. We will meet with Scott for dinner at 5:30pm if he is available.

6.6 Sarnia and Regional Environmental Networking Exchange (SARENE) is looking for a member to participate in the Liaison Advisory Committee. Art Dacosta was nominated to attend the meeting Monday, June 16 at 5 pm in Sarnia. A full time project manager will be hired for 2 years. Press release and job ad are forthcoming.

6.7 Jim Hasson plans to attend the Canadian Environmental Awards in Toronto Monday, June 2nd on behalf of WATCH.

6.8 WATCH will not apply to EA funding for Shell Assessment. There does not seem to be enough concern by the community to warrant a grant to study the EA document.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm