

## Minutes of WATCH January 20, 2009 Meeting Oaks Inn 7 pm

Attendees: Bela Trebics, Kris Lee, Joel Johnson, Jim Hasson (by phone)

- 1.0 Call to Order Bela
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes: December 2008 was a dinner. No minutes.
- 4.0 Business Arising
  - 4.1 SARENE project: Kim Gignac would like to interview WATCH members for the SARENE directory. She will be invited for the February 17 meeting. All members are invited to participate.
  - 4.2 WATCH will receive administrative professional fees for supervision of SARENE. This will be estimated at \$3000. for 2008/9  
**Action Item:** Kris will submit an invoice to OEN for professional fees.
  - 4.3 Greenfield Tour:  
**Action Item:** Bela will contact Greenfield for a spring tour.
- 5.0 Financial Balance \$965.57 no change in account. This includes \$500. from SWIM account.
- 6.0 New Business:
  - 6.1 Consultation on Benzene legislation. Bela would be willing to go to Toronto if there is funding available for expenses. Jim informed that there is not funding.
  - 6.2 Web page: Ken Hall has presented a quote for redesign of the WATCH web page. Ken has very extensive experience in environmental web page design in the local area.  
**Motion:** WATCH will hire Ken Hall to redesign the web page pending receipt of the funds from SARENE. The funds are expected to arrive end of February. Moved: Bela Seconded: Joel
  - 6.3 Ken will need to speak with Dave Courteaux and Jim Hasson about design and maintenance. He will be asked to submit a questionnaire for members to determine what will best serve our community.  
Discussion: The web page could provide a useful tool for WATCH to engage in community input. Many citizens cannot attend meetings but have valuable information and input. WATCH is seeking those individuals to participate via web. Meetings could then serve to flush out the input from the web page.  
  
This topic was tabled to next month once more information will be available about the funding situation from SARENE.
- 6.3 Display Board: WATCH needs to purchase a stand alone display board for educational events.  
**Action Item:** Kris will investigate costs.

- 6.4 The new Grade 9 curriculum has an aquatic water ecology unit on water quality and monitoring.  
**Motion:** WATCH will donate \$500. (SWIM funds) to WDSS for the purchase of water quality chemistry to be used for classrooms and Parents Night events. WDSS will purchase, store the equipment and design appropriate demonstrations for students and community.  
Moved: Kris                      Seconded: Joel
- 6.5 **Motion:** WATCH will donate 2 Grade 9 undergrad awards \$50. each to the highest average in SNC1P (Applied) and SNC1D (Academic) science each year for the next 5 years, pending funds from SARENE project.

Rationale: It is part of WATCH's mandate to promote education of environmental science in the community. This is best delivered (most bang for bucks) through the school system. The aquatic unit will be in Grade 9 beginning fall of 2009. For this 2008/9 school year, the ecology unit is in the old Grade 10 science course. Therefore, the first year of the award will go to the current Grade 10 students. After that, the award will go to Grade 9.                      Moved: Joel                      Seconded: Bela

**Action Item:** Kris to speak to WDSS principal and Curriculum Leader to discuss the award and plaques. Possibly the Tech department can make the plaques to lower costs. WATCH logo would go on the plaque. WDSS will have input to the design.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 Oaks Inn 7 pm.  
Kim Gignac will be invited to interview members for SARENE directory.  
Adjourned 8:15 pm