

Present: Jim Hasson, Art DaCosta, Bill Arends, Mike Zell, Kris Lee, Bela Trebics, Joel Johnson
Regrets: Sheldon Parsons, Jennifer Parrish, Art Parrish, Barb Parrish, Ken Dickson, Dave Courteaux, Corinne Courteaux

- 1.0** Approval of Agenda m. Jim s. Art
- 2.0** Approval of Minutes m. Bill s. Joel
- 3.0** Treasurer's Report Balance 892.79 m. Mike s. Bela

Balance January 2015 2507.44

	Credits	Debits
AA Wright		1400.00
Ortech donation for STAO	200.00	
WAMBO supplies		165.67
WATCH donation to STAO		218.98
Chamber Award dinner		90.00
Member dues	60.00	

Current Balance **892.79**

- 3.1** Report to Auditor: m. Joel s. Jim Financial statement to Turner Moore

4.0 Business Arising

- 4.1** Election of Officers and Directors – acclaimed
 Chair – Kris Lee Vice – Joel Johnson
 Secretary – Jennifer Parrish Treasurer – Sheldon Parsons

Directors

- Bela Trebics be appointed as Director m. Bill s. Art
 Jim Hasson Mike Zell continue as Directors m. Bill s. Art

- 4.2** Go Daddy biowatch website expires March 18, 2017. We will renew the website for another 3 years. m. Bill s. Art

5.0 **New Business**

- 5.1** Proposal sent to EBR Registry to support rural residents with wells for water testing due to proposed windfarm construction North Kent 1 windfarm. So far about 100 residents have requested well testing. We did not object to the proposal, only that residents' wishes to have their wells tested prior to construction should be honoured by the MOECC and most recent scientific data on vibration impacting ground water needs to be considered.

5.2 Proposal requesting approval for EBR submission on Air Regulation 419 for Benzene and Sulphur. See below. m. Bill s. Bela with the addition of "pressure relief valve".

5.3 Children's Water Festival request for donation \$50.00 m. Jim s. Bela

5.4 Participation with Gary Eagleson, Community Action Regarding the Environment
No one was interested in joining.

5.5 WAMBO: Recommended that we contact Jamie McDougall to see if he would like to take over the recycling arrangement with WAMBO committee. We will let him use our bins, trailer and supplies.

5.6 Joel Johnson attended the Awards banquet and has the award. We do not have an official location for either of the 2 awards that we have received. Discussion tabled.

5.7 Mike Zell informed us about the Water and Sanitation Roundtable, Bradley Centre in Chatham, May 13, 2016 at 10 am. He will send the email to members if they wish to attend.

5.8 Reminder email will be sent to members of annual membership:
Paid: Bela, Bill, Mike, Jim, Art, Kris. Kris will deposit in the bank and give list to Sheldon.

5.9 Air emission complaint in Walmart/Can Tire parking lot. Oaks Residence is experiencing air quality problems where they have to shut down their HVAC. The MOECC was contacted as to potential sources.

- Action items:**
1. Financial statement to Turner Moore
 2. Cheque \$50.00 to Children's Water Festival
 3. Update Gary Eagleson on request for member participation.
 4. Contact MOECC and Oaks Residence about potential sources of air quality events.
 5. Submit Reg.419 proposal to EBR registry.
 6. Contact Jamie McDougall about WAMBO recycling.
 7. Renew biowatch site by the end of 2016.
 8. Post 2015 minutes and EBR Reg. 419 response to biowatch website.

**APPROVED AT WATCH ANNUAL MEETING as amended APRIL 12, 2016
EBR posting Air Reg.419 for Benzene and flaring**

WATCH specifically wishes to emphasize support and the importance of the following proposal requirements for transparency and impacts on public health:

1. Annual ambient monitoring reports, including a summary of actions to address any statistically significant higher monitoring results, must be posted on the facility website;
2. Tracking of complaints available for public review;
3. A requirement for "no backsliding" of existing air pollution controls at the facility not specified in the proposed technical standard;
4. The monitoring data on the facility public web-site must be accessible, updated and maintained to understand continual improvement opportunities and trending results over many years per facility;

5. The data sharing should not be exclusive to the web-site. The facility should also use other venues such as newsletters to neighbours and community advisory panels to promote the access to this information; and
6. We expect both industry and all MOECC departments to work collaboratively to address best practice modelling and risk assessments of unplanned upsets, specifically for high risk operations and worst case scenarios relating to but not limited to sulphur and benzene flaring. There should be a requirement that these risk assessments (specifically for flare recovery/pressure relief technologies) are embedded, documented and monitored in a company's Process Safety and Inherent Safety procedures. If a company chooses to use another modelling program not prescribed by the guidance document, it must publically disclose that modelling process, prior to approval.
7. MOECC apply standards used in other jurisdictions, such as province of Alberta, *Non-Routine Flaring Management: Modelling Guidance*.

We support:

"These implementation efforts are anticipated to culminate in a review of the petroleum refining and petrochemical sector requirements in 2023."

However, we are concerned that there is no mechanism within the government

1. to trigger a review
2. to audit the government's promptness in completing the review
3. to report the findings of the review and performance to the public

In addition, for the monitoring and reporting data, we respectfully request that these items become standard inclusion in the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's Annual Report.

Adjourned 9:30 pm