

## **February 9, 2010 GREN Executive Meeting Minutes**

John, Randy, Theo, Susan K present  
Minutes: Susan K

### **Elections of New Executive**

John J will send out email notice to for those interested in being on GREN executive including list of people interested in staying on, need ballots for secret vote. John and Theo willing to stay on as Chair and Treasurer; Randy stepping down as second chair. Carole, Susan B and Susan K to let John know.

Only paid members can vote; no restrictions on how long you have been a member. Nominations to be sent to John by March 1 for March 18 election.

### **Brainstorming Priorities**

#### GREN website

Theo has to put in final code; need to assign someone (more than one) to keep calendar up to date; calendar to contain our meetings and other relevant outside events

Can have more than 1 person to look after various aspects of website

Theo offered to keep calendar up to date so all entries should go to him. Space is limited for each item, so he will establish parameters. The goal is for GREN members to make use of website to stay informed. Theo will talk to Lulu about setting up her list.

#### Meeting and collaborating with other groups around Grand River Basin and surrounding areas

Brantford meeting – Norah has new connection with Brantford councillor; and Six Nations.

Next meeting – need to remind people to update email addresses if changed.

Correspondence from Greg M. – invite other groups i.e. bicycling, Gravel Watch etc. to make presentations

For March 18 meeting, Randy will invite Helen Purdy with the Puslinch Cranberry Association Rural Residents Association group to relate how they won OMB decision; need to change March 18 meeting date as it's March break for both school boards

Attendance by GREN members has dwindled for meetings further afield (i.e. Elora) which needs to be addressed.

#### Media Presence

Email from David W. re money earmarked for publicity. No further word. Suggestion of regular columns in weekly newspapers; do we want to create an annual or semi-annual event that will be specific to GREN?

Community Newspapers good but sometimes get lost in pile of ads with newspaper.

Randy will be compiling list of other related groups in Grand River watershed through the GRCA's Grand Actions Network and Ontario Environmental Network.

### Administration

Establish membership year running April to end of March.

### Other specific issues

GREN is already committed to:

- Election Survey
- Pipeline

GREN Position or Sub-Committees to be developed for:

- Fluoridation Referendum
- LRT – was interest in inviting opposing groups to present both sides
- ROPP/Hard Countryline - still need synopsis for everyone; Noted that each city/township must adjust their plans according to changes in Regional ROPP with final approval from Region; Kitchener looking for public input/committee members
- How to improve active transportation/biker/pedestrian rights/continuous connected commuting trails
- Air Quality – anti-idling bylaw, pedestrian roundabouts, tree bylaws
- Water Quality and Toxics Monitoring – John will check GRCA Source Water Protection – anything public this year?

GREN not to be involved in:

- Provincial Policy Statement - each ministry creates guidelines
- Amalgamation