

SWCS-BC Annual General Meeting  
6:00pm, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Peter Kaye Room, Vancouver Public Library Main Branch  
Minutes

In attendance:

Julia Brydon  
Stephanie Grand  
Ting Pan  
Olga Schwartzkopf  
Ione Smith

Regrets:

David Clements  
Adam Levine

### **1.0 Adoption of 2006 AGM Agenda**

A motion to adopt the 2006 AGM Agenda was motioned by Olga and seconded by Ione. Agenda was adopted.

### **2.0 Adoption Minutes from 2005 AGM**

The minutes were reviewed and outstanding action items were highlighted:

Outstanding action items from the 2005 AGM:

**Stephanie:** to make a presentation to Soil Science seminar at UBC.

**Ione and Stephanie:** to initiate a membership drive with PRSSS

**Ione:** to write a letter to the new mayor of Surrey to introduce SWCS-BC.

**Olga:** send Ione a list of BCEN activities.

A motion to adopt the minutes with a restatement of outstanding action items was made by Olga and seconded by Stephanie.

### **3.0 Updates from Executive Members**

Rather than doing a President's report, I one asked each member to describe and list the activities that they undertook this past year as an active SWCS-BC and/or to report on events that may be of interest to other members.

Olga's update:

- Olga continues to be involved with the Canadian Environment Network by attending their annual assembly, sitting on the Water Caucus, being a member of the Atmosphere and Energy Steering Committee, and the Agriculture Caucus.
- resigned from BCEN this year
- involved the legislative review of the Cdn Env Protection Act.  
Information is available on the CEN website.
- Attended a nitrogen symposium in Lake Louise
- Participated in the Acid Rain Task Group with the CCME
- Represented SWCS in Ottawa at the National Agricultural Environmental Standards Initiative
- Was involved in the DFO review of the Fisheries Act and modernization of habitat management
- Participated in the NPR working group to review criteria for air contaminants

**Action item:** Olga send I one information of the DFO Fisheries Act review

Stephanie's update:

- attended the World Congress of Soil Science in Philadelphia and presented a poster
- participated in the Clay and Mineral Society meeting in Europe
- attended the Canadian Soil Science Society conference in Banff

Ting's update:

- attended the West Coast Green Residential Building conference in San Francisco. She learned information about building toxicities, how LEED will be getting a scientific review, and the 'green-washing' of products
- Ting and Mark have purchased land in Point Roberts and have been spending lots of time and energy researching methods into building their own 'green' home.

Julia's update:

- attended the Canadian Chemistry Conference in Halifax and presented a paper
- attended the Water in the City conference in Victoria and participated in the Water and Cities dialogues sessions at SFU
- helped organize the SWCS/PRSSS workshop in Spring of 2006

I one's update:

- attended the Bridging Borders Food Security conference in Vancouver
- participated in the BC Institute of Agrologists professional development day
- furthered the Soil Conservation Act for BC initiative by meeting with several politicians and a professor from Uvic
- organized a "Farmland Forever" workshop in Pemberton
- attended dialogue sessions on sustainable development and leadership in the Sea-to-Sky corridor, organized by SFU

#### **4.0 Treasurer's Report - Dave**

Dave provided us with a report on our current financial state. In 2006 we had a total income of \$251.40 and expenditures of \$332.19. Therefore we had a slight annual debt of \$81, mainly due to losses incurred at the Spring Workshop. Our current account balance sits at \$1,467.31.

#### **5.0 Membership Report - Ione**

As of October 2006 our chapter membership was at 24. This is slightly lower than 2005 when we had 27 members. We will be looking and instigating the \$10 membership level in 2007.

**Action item: Ione** to follow up with our Cdn representative Joe Arbour and members of the Ontario Chapter to find out more information on the \$10 membership level.

#### **6.0 Bylaws discussion and adoption**

A comment was made regarding the numbers of members required to make an amendment to the bylaws (Article X). IT was suggested that the numbers be changed from 50% + 1 to 66% + 1 for any changes to be made to the bylaws that would result in structural changes to the chapter.

A motion to adopt the bylaws with the final edit was made by Stephanie and seconded by Ting.

**Action item: Ione** to forward on our bylaws with final edits to Ankeny for final approval.

## 7.0 A Soil Conservation Act for BC discussion

I one briefly updated the executive on the progress involving the Soil Conservation Act for BC. I one has been in touch with Calvin Sandborn, a professor at the University of Victoria in the Faculty of Law. He is very interested in opening up the opportunity to create a draft piece of legislation to his students. He will be putting the project on a list of potential topics for students to tackle for the January 2007 term and will let us know if any of the students pick up the project. If they do not, I one will shop around to other students at UBC.

## 8.0 Election of Officers

A motion to adopt the 2007-2007 slate of officers was made by Stephanie and seconded by I one. Slate was adopted.

<b>SWCS-BC 2006-2007 Officers</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
President	Julia Brydon	<a href="mailto:juliabrydon@gmail.com">juliabrydon@gmail.com</a>
President-Elect	Open	Open
Past-President	Ione Smith	<a href="mailto:ione@smartgrowth.bc.ca">ione@smartgrowth.bc.ca</a>
Treasurer	Dave Clements	<a href="mailto:clements@twu.ca">clements@twu.ca</a>
Secretary	Open	Open
Membership Chair	Open	Open
Councillor	Olga Schwartzkopf	<a href="mailto:olgams@shaw.ca">olgams@shaw.ca</a>
Councillor	George Derksen	<a href="mailto:George.Derksen@ec.gc.ca">George.Derksen@ec.gc.ca</a>
Councillor	Ting Pan	<a href="mailto:tingp@yahoo.ca">tingp@yahoo.ca</a>
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Student Representative	Stephanie Grand	<a href="mailto:sgrand@interchange.ubc.ca">sgrand@interchange.ubc.ca</a>
Canadian Region Director	Joe Arbour	<a href="mailto:arbourj@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca">arbourj@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca</a>

## 9.0 Outlook to 2007 - Julia

A number of activities are being considered for 2007, in addition to the PRSSS/SWCS Spring Workshop. Our involvement with the ALR will continue through I one's position on ALR-PEC, and to compliment this, Julia is looking into arranging a field tour of the ALR for interested members. This would likely include a bus or cycling tour of some of the areas we hear about, a trip to Barnston Island

to meet local farmers, and perhaps a talk from someone involved in the soil conservation issues. Another possibility is a tour of the Reifel bird sanctuary in Delta. This tour would highlight the conservation aspects including wetland preservation, the Fraser River estuary, combining wildlife and water conservation, and the issues around what it takes to keep a conservation site like this going. Julia is also hoping to organize SWCS participation in BC Rivers Day and/or the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Ideas for initiatives and activities anywhere in the province are most welcome, and members should contact Julia directly with comments or suggestions (juliabrydon@gmail.com).

#### **10.0 Teleconference call with Joe Arbour**

I one let everyone know that she will be participating in a teleconference call with Joe Arbour and members of other Canadian SWCS chapters at the end of this week. She will bring up the concern regarding membership and will report back at the next meeting.

#### **11.0 Meeting adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9pm was made by I one and seconded by Julia.