

Dryden District Conservation Club Inc. Meeting Minutes: Annual General Meeting March 30, 2022



In Attendance:

Larry Perkins, Conrad Musyj, Loretta Bilous, Keith Blanchard, Ted Hunt, Del Schmucker, Marty Oberg, Anthony Frechette, Brent Sanderson, Charmon MacDonald, Cheryl Murray, Ben Laviolette, Stephanie Laviolette, Gord Nazvesky, Curtis Webb, Brian Smith, George Page, Elton Wall, and Jailyn Matchett

Recorder: Loretta Bilous

Time Keeper: Charmon MacDonald

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Larry Perkins, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Quorum was noted.

2. Approval of Agenda as Amended

Following items added:

6. e) Trap Report

7. h) Dryden LCAC (Local Citizens Advisory Committee) Update

Motion to accept by Keith Blanchard, seconded by Anthony Frechette. All in favour. Motion carried.

3. First Order of Business – Election of Officers

Current President: Larry Perkins

Current Vice President: Conrad Musyj

Current Secretary: Loretta Bilous

Current Treasurer: Sue Bunney

President: Larry Perkins steps down as club president.

Those nominated and declined; George Page, Ted Hunt, Curtis Webb, Gord Nazvesky, and Anthony Frechette.

Elton Wall asked about DDCC Inc. expectations of the President. Larry Perkins told the members that there will be a role description created during the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act compliance where there will be a review of by-laws, articles of incorporation, letters patent and policies to ensure that they are current, ONCA-compliant and reflective of actual practices.

Del Schmucker let his name stand for President. Motioned by Conrad Musyj to close nominations, seconded by Marty Oberg. All in favour, motion carried.

Vice President: Conrad Musyj let his name stand. There were no other nominations. Elected by acclamation. Motioned by Brent Sanderson to close nominations, seconded by Anthony Frechette. All in favour. Motion carried.

Secretary: Loretta Bilous let her name stand as secretary. Loretta announced that after the upcoming year she will be stepping down as secretary and encouraged all members to consider running for elections to consider the secretary position. There were no other nominations. Elected by acclamation. Motioned by Brent Sanderson to close nominations, seconded by Brian Smith. All in favour. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Sue Bunney was absent. Olga Benjamin let her name stand in absentia. There were no other nominations. Elected by acclamation. Motioned by Brent Sanderson to close nominations, seconded by Anthony Frechette. All in favour. Motion carried.

Directors: Names put forward – Conrad Musyj, Loretta Bilous, Curtis Webb, Ted Hunt, Larry Perkins, Charmon MacDonald, Keith Blanchard, George Page. Elected by acclamation.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Review & Adopt Minutes from July 27, 2021 and September 16, 2021 Meetings

There were no amendments noted. Motion to adopt minutes as presented by Anthony Frechette, seconded by Conrad Musyj. All in favour. Motion carried.

6. Business Arising

- a) Increase in Membership Fees for 2023 – Discussion followed with regard to the need to increase fees to maintain club future sustainability.
- b) Financials – Update by Larry Perkins. Marty Oberg motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Curtis Webb. All in favour. Motion carried.
- c) Business Number and Filing of T2 – T2 will be filed with CRA.
- d) ONCA (Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act) Committee – The committee so far consists of Brent Sanderson and Dennis Lawrynuik.

The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) was proclaimed on October 19, 2021.

This legislation, over ten years in the process is the enabling corporate legal framework for most nonprofits incorporated under provincial law. It may affect nonprofits in many important ways.

Nonprofits will have three years after proclamation to transition to the new rules. In the meantime, the rules in articles and bylaws will continue to be valid provided they were valid under the previous legislation (Ontario's Corporations Act).

- e) Trap Report – Conrad Musyj provided an update on the 2021 Trap Season. Trap started on May 26, 2021 and ended on September 26, 2021. There were about 5 shooters per night. Trap night will once again return to Tuesday evening; Wednesday evening will be for beginners. There will be a new Trap machine installed this season. Huge thanks to Loretta Bilous and Brent Sanderson for their work at obtaining funds toward a 15-Stand Sporting Clay course. Conrad Musyj would like to have a Spring / Summer / Fall Shoot in Dryden this season.

7. New Business

- a) Indemnification of Executive from claims against their performance of duties for 2021. Motion to accept by Curtis Webb, seconded by Ted Hunt. All in favour. Motion carried.
- b) Discussion – Signing Authority Changes to add Vice President and Secretary (Art. 16). Larry Perkins stated that he thinks it is important to have key executive members with signing authority so that no one should ever sign their own reimbursement cheque for a submitted expense report.
- c) Discussion – Change One Year Requirement to be Eligible to Vote (Art. 8A). The review and revisions that will be made to comply with ONCA will fix this policy. New members will be able to vote after fees are paid.
- d) Discussion – MNRF Deer Feeding Program. George Page told the members that the MNRF was already feeding deer under the Emergency Deer Feeding Program due to the deep snow cover in the area. Ryan Helbling from the MNRF has taken up the lead. If it is required next year there is now a process set up. This has been an emotional issue for many volunteers. OFAH has given the club \$10,000 to pay for feed. About ninety people are participating.
- e) Discussion – Nuclear Free North. Conrad Musyj told the members that the Nuclear Free North Group would like to give a presentation to the club.
- f) Review Letter from Sue Bunney. Sue Bunney asked for her submitted letter to be presented during the meeting. Larry Perkins reviewed the letter verbatim for the members.
- g) Acknowledgement and Explanation from the Executive with regard to the letter from Sue Bunney. All members in agreement moving forward.
- h) Local Citizens Advisory Committee – Update. Del Schmucker from the Local Citizens Advisory Committee and the Dryden Trappers Council gave a brief update with regard to the undertaking of the LCAC. They are looking at forestry and forestry issues and are a sounding board for the MNRF. The LCAC is considering future activities such as moose counts. The LCAC update will be a standing item on the agenda moving forward.

General Discussion:

Please volunteer if you are able at the Dryden Home and Leisure Show and the club will receive payment from the Dryden District Chamber of Commerce.

There will need to be a committee formed that will follow up with the CFO and changing rules that will take effect on January 31, 2023.

8. For Your Information

- a) Check out the website <http://drydendistrictconservationclub.ca>

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Marty Oberg. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

10. Next Meeting will be on July 27, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Dryden District Conservation Club.

Executive Approval Signature:

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