**Dufferin Marsh Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Feb. 11, 2014**

**Present were:** Charles, Mary, Jen, Brenda, Greg, Linda

Regrets: Eric, Sheila, Liz

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

**Agenda items:**

**1. Review of minutes of Jan. 14, 2014**

Mary noted a change under new business regarding the discussion of the correct email address on our poster. The minutes should be amended to say that the email address was confirmed to be correct at the meeting.

**Mary** moved to accept the minutes of Jan. 14 as amended. Seconded by Brenda.

**2. Marsh Skate review**

The event drew about 100 attendees. The cable TV Chinese Network did an interview with Mary and Jeff Doner from the press also covered the event.

It was suggested we contact Tony of Schomberg Quality Meats for hot dogs next year.

We received $103 in donations.

Tom Farr cleared the ice with a snowblower, following which the surface required scraping. Tom arranged for the fire dept. to flood the eastern leg of the pond at about 11 a.m.

Mary recommended that it might be better to flood earlier, ie., 1 or 2 days in advance to avoid slushy conditions. Also, it would be better to not use pond water for the flood.

**3. Permaculture Workshop**

This event has been postponed.

Jane Hayes will have an on-site workshop, for which there will be a charge.

Event will likely be in May.

**Charles** will make the website changes.

**4. Stewardship Groups Event**

This event is scheduled for Sun., Feb. 23, 2 p.m. at the King City Library.

They are looking for groups who deal in environmental issues to make presentations of about 20 minutes.

**Mary** will work on a presentation. **Greg** offered his help with a PowerPoint piece.

**5. Membership Issues**

Deferred

**6. Brainstorming Retreat**

A few more ideas were put forward for the agenda.

Dates and venues were discussed. Mar. 8 or 9 was agreeable to all present.

**Charles** will send an email to all re potential venues/dates.

**Charles** will call Redcrest to enquire about their rates.

**Linda** will send another reminder to all executive members.

**7. Tent Repair**

Charles noted that he has messaged Eric about the tent repairs as a reminder.

**8. Wine Tasting**

The event is scheduled for June 14, 2014. It was noted that Sheena has the business up for sale.

Mary will talk to Sheena regarding her willingness to host the event this year.

**9. Water Quality Monitoring**

Mary reported that there is no change to the status of this item.

Linda noted that Chloride levels were high in December and January at Station 3 (west end of the culvert from the storm ponds on Cooper Dr.) this is typical due to road salting.

**New Business**

**Safety Vests**

Mary presented safety vests from IKEA. It was agreed that these would be suitable and that we shall purchase 10 vests at $3 each.

**Charles** will check with Steve Fisher of the Lions’ Club to find out about lettering for the back.

**Brenda** will talk to Susanne Prince regarding the sizes.

**Great Backyard Bird Count**

This event is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 15, 10 a.m., at the Marsh.

**Mary** will send pictures and info to Jen for the website.

**Linda** moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35. Seconded by Jen.

**Next Meeting**

**Tues., March 11, 2014**

**8 p.m.**

**Grackle Coffee**