

**Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2019  
MINUTES**

**1. Introduction**

President, David Taylor, welcomed members and guests to the AGM for 2018. He introduced the 2018 Board and Advisory Panel.

**2. Approval of the Agenda for 2018 AGM**

Moved by Karen Hunt, seconded by Susan Brandum, that the Agenda for the 2018 AGM be approved. Carried.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of 2017 AGM**

Moved by Forbes Symon and seconded by David Kroetsch that the 2017 AGM Minutes be approved. Carried.

**4. Review of 2018 Activities**

David reviewed some of the Friends activities for 2018 including the Stewart Park Music Festival; Watershed Discovery Day; Kidfish; the Watershed Guardian Bursary awarded to Juliet Kennedy of St. John Catholic High School; presentation of the Annual Environmental Awards for 2018 to Dianne Czerwinski & Nicola Oddy for the Tay River Pathway in the category Contribution to the Tay Watershed; to Kat Kavanagh and the Water Rangers for Contribution to Water Resources at the provincial, national or international level; and to Bob Argue for Developing Climate Change Plans in the category Contribution to the General Environment; participating in Lake Links; partnering with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority on their Subwatershed Report; and Wetland Kits for Kids delivered to schools in our catchment area.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Marion Letts, reviewed the Financial Report for 2018, which was projected on the overhead screen (details also available in the Annual Report). Moved by David Kroetsch and seconded by Annie Dalton that the 2018 Financial Report be accepted. Carried.

**Proposed Budget for 2019**

Marion reviewed the proposed budget for 2019 showing a comparison to 2018. Moved by Richard Schooley and seconded by Jim Graff that the 2019 budget be accepted. Carried.

## **6. Proposed Program for 2019**

Carol Dillon gave a summary of the Friends proposed program for 2019. Carol noted that the Friends will continue doing what's been successful in the past and address new issues that need attention, focussing on climate change. Ongoing activities include the community outreach and education activities of Stewart Park Music Festival, Watershed Discovery Day, Water Guardian Bursary, Perth and District Heritage Fair, Kid Fish, Source Water Protection Panels, partnering with Canadian Federation of University Women's screening of Anote's Ark and the presentation of our Environmental Awards. The Friends also plan to participate in Lake Links 2019, monitor the Bobs Lake/Bolingbroke Dam reconstruction and continuing the formation of Tay Net waterway monitoring network. Moved by Jim Graff, seconded by Susan Brandum, that the proposed activities for 2019 be accepted. Carried.

## **7. 2018 Environmental Awards**

Awards were presented to Noelle Reeve, Tay Valley Township Planner for Contribution to the Tay Watershed; Ontario Nature for Contribution to Water Resources at the provincial, national and international level; and to Graham Beck, Little Stream Bakery for Contribution to the General Environment.

## **8. Election of 2019 Board of Directors and Appointment of Advisory Panel**

Karen Hunt proposed the Board of Directors slate for 2019: Taro Alps GB&CLA and Upper Watershed; Judy Buehler Perth; Carol Dillon Tay River Glen Tay; Annie Dalton Perth & Tay River; Jim Graff Perth; David Kroetsch Perth; Marion Letts Upper Tay River; Richard Schooley Scotch Line; Forbes Symon Director, Development & Protective Services, Town of Perth; David Taylor Tay River, Glen Tay; Glenn Tunnock Otty Lake; Donna Walsh Christie Lake Association. There were no nominees from the floor. Moved by Colin Stephenson, seconded by Sue Brandum that the Board of Directors slate be accepted. Carried.

Karen then read the Advisory Panel appointments for 2019: Susan Brandum, Drummond/North Elmsley Township; Past Board Member David Crowley, Perth; Past Board Member Karen Hunt, Lake Networking Group; Past Board Member Doug James, Perth; Past Board Member Barbara King, Executive Director, Watersheds Canada; Dale MacEachern, External Relations Mgr., Parks Canada, Ont. Waterways Unit, Smiths Falls; Derek Matheson, Mgr., Rural Clean Water Program, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority; Frank Roy, Perth, Past Board Member & Vice President; Colin Stephenson, Webmaster, Past Co-President; Alyson Symon, Watershed Planner, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Past Board Member.

David welcomed the new Board, thanked the 2018 Board for all their work and thanked the Advisory Panel for their expertise over the years. He also thanked Colin Stephenson for all his ongoing work on the Friends website.

Carol gave a tribute to David Taylor for his years of vision and leadership of the Friends since its inception – establishing guidelines, taking the Friends through the process of incorporation and charitable status, developing partnerships with many organizations that helped to protect and promote the Tay watershed – over 40 partnerships in all, writing grant applications and

assisting others such as lake associations to acquire funds. He also had been responsible for bringing many thousands of dollars into the Tay community for watershed projects. The audience gave David a standing ovation.

#### **9. Motion to adjourn**

Moved by David Kroetsch, seconded by Frank Roy that the business portion of the 2018 AGM be adjourned.

#### **Presentations:**

Taro Aps introduced the Presentations portion of our meeting: Review of the Challenge of Climate Change in our Community: what is needed, and activities planned to address it in 2019.

The presenters were:

- Susan Brandum, Environmental Consultant: 'Overview of the Climate Crisis and Activities in the Community'
- Forbes Symon, Director, Development & Protective Services, Town of Perth 'Town of Perth's Response to Climate Change'
- Barrie Crampton, Deputy Reeve, Tay Valley Township 'Tay Valley Township's Green Energy & Climate Change Working Group'
- David Taylor, President 'The Tay Waterway Volunteer Network – *Tay Net*'

After the presenters answered questions from the audience, David thanked the presenters and everyone for coming to the 2018 AGM. The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.