

4. Meetings

a) RVC Foundation Annual General Meeting, September 24, 2003

Charles Billington reported. Highlights included the acclamation of Officers for 2003-2004: Mary Bryden, Chair; Steve Simmering, Vice-Chair; Pat MacGregor, Secretary-Treasurer and the resolution creating the Conservation Land Endowment Fund to help finance the maintenance and long term carrying costs of important environmental properties donated to the Foundation.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Allan McCallum
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the minutes of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Annual General Meeting, September 24, 2003 be received.

b) Upper RVCA Advisory Board, October 1, 2003

Allan McCallum reported. See minutes for details.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Michael McEwen
Seconded by: Allan McCallum

That the minutes of the Upper RVCA Advisory Board Meeting, October 1, 2003, be received.

Motion Carried

c) Conservation Ontario Council, October 6, 2003

Dell Hallett reported that the new committee structure was working very well for CO business. Topics of discussion included some housekeeping items on voting procedures, a modest increase in 2004 budget, CO's position on the Smart Transportation Bill which is inconsistent in some ways with environmental protection, CO's continuing involvement with the federal watershed coastal zone stewardship initiative, the 2004 Biennial Tour to be hosted by Lakehead Region CA, discussions to designate CAs as the delivery agent for the "Green Cover" buffer strip incentive program, an update on CO work showing that 62 policy and issues management files were dealt with in 2002, a look forward to gearing up for Source Protection Planning as the dust settles from the election and everyone gets down to work, and an update on the Asian Long-Horned Beetle invasion in north Toronto and a possible threat to the rest of the province (including Eastern Ontario).

d) Middle RVCA Advisory Board, October 8, 2003

Cathy Willoughby reported. See minutes for details.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett

Seconded by: Stephen Bird

That the minutes of the Middle RVCA Advisory Board Meeting, October 8, 2003, be received.

Motion Carried

Following the report on the Middle Board meeting which contained information on the Kemptville Creek Beaver Management Pilot Project, Cliff Craig gave an important update indicating that RVCA had today received a letter of authorization for partial removal of the nine high priority dams identified on the main channel of Kemptville Creek. The letter includes conditions such as the partial removal of dams only, the trapping/removal of beaver and the mitigation measures to be used to control silt and other aquatic disturbance as a result of the removal. There is still time to undertake this work this fall and Cliff will engage the contractor immediately to start work as early as possible next week.

5. Accounts Paid, September 1 - 30, 2003

Dell Hallett presented the summary.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Wendy Stewart
Seconded by: Charles Long

That the Accounts Paid, September 1 – 30, 2003, be approved.

Motion Carried

6. Expenditure and Revenue Summary, September 30, 2003

Dell Hallett presented the Expenditure and Revenue Summary for September 30. This nine-month review and projection to year end follows a rigorous staff review. Changes in line items were explained which results in an operations surplus projection of about \$81,000 but common costs deficit projection of about \$125,000, due to additional costs for Clapp Lane, phone system and computers. There will be some drawdown of reserves at year-end as approved in the budget for 2003.

Reserves and common cost accounts will be shown as regular monthly update sheets. Discussion ensued about planning fees being collected by our partner municipalities (as is done in the City of Ottawa) as a way to streamline the process for clients and all concerned. To be brought forward on the November agenda for discussion with new councils after the municipal elections.

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Stephen Bird
Seconded by: Charles Long

That the Expenditure and Revenue Summary dated September 30, 2003, be approved.

Motion Carried

7. Preliminary Budget for 2004 and Three Year Work Plan

Dell Hallett reported that a full report will be available for the November meeting of the Board.

8. Staff Report on Status of the Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy

Bruce Reid reported on the progress towards the Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy. Bruce welcomed any suggestions on the report and particularly on the "Summary of Issues" paper. The shoreline landowner's questionnaire has been sent out to 2,500 property owners on the Rideau between Rideau Falls and Burritts Rapids. Those results will be tabulated and incorporated into the final management actions outlined in the strategy.

It appears that the strategy team will be about three months behind in publishing the final strategy. At the moment, the draft strategy is expected in late November to be followed by a public Open House in early December (to be held in conjunction with an Open House on the Mud Creek and Jock River subwatershed plan processes underway in the City of Ottawa). Then, the team will polish, solicit agency endorsement and publish the final strategy likely in March 2004. The project is on budget.

Motion 7 **Moved by:** Allan McCallum
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the Board of Directors receive this report.

Motion Carried

9. October Activity Reports

See Agenda for details. Dell Hallett answered a question about the status of discussions on the future of outdoor education centers in Ottawa (Bill Mason and MacSkimming) by saying that it is still very early in the process. A report requesting funding from Ottawa will be presented to Council on October 22, 2003.

10. In Camera – Land Issue

Motion 8 **Moved by:** Stephen Bird
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the Board of Directors move in camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 9 **Moved by:** Charles Long

Seconded by: Wendy Stewart

That the Board of Directors move out of camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 10 **Moved by:** Wendy Stewart
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That RVCA pursue discussions with the family regarding a Conservation Easement on the property in question.

Motion Carried

10. Members Inquiries

It was noted that the new Chapman Mills Conservation Area is always agreeably busy with people walking the boardwalks and enjoying the trails. A site of significant erosion was reported and will be attended to in the near future.

Directors wishing to learn a little more about Conservation Ontario work (minutes, agendas, reports) can have access through the CO internal website. The address will be circulated on request.

12. New Business

Wendy Stewart reported on the progress towards designation of the Rideau Waterway as a World Heritage Site.

Dell Hallett reported on the 12-counties "Wardens Committee" getting together in Eastern Ontario to work on common issues. Eastern Ontario CAs are developing a working relationship with this important group to help with any questions of environmental or water protection interests.

13. Upcoming Meetings

a) Board of Directors – November 20, 2003

14. Adjournment The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

**Chair,
John Miller**

**Recording Secretary,
Charles Billington**