

## **April 5<sup>th</sup> , 2011**

- Final meeting for the school year. SCB will continue in September, 2011.

### **Education committee**

- Fish & Frogs interest for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for Brownie & Scouts.

### **Biodiversity day**

- Everything is booked.
- Another student is going to present his research.
- Need to rent the booths from Party Centre. Need to look into the costs of this. Will need at least 6 tables.
  - Can we put a motion forward for a maximum of \$150 additional to give to BioDiversity day?
    - Motion put forward, seconded, unanimous motion by members to go forward with this.
    - May not even need the money, if they get the \$500 grant they applied for.
- Emails have been sent out to all the elementary schools in the LimeStone district and all known children groups.
- A press release has been sent out today to all the local media outlets.
- Now it is just putting up posters wherever we can.
- Anyone who is interested in volunteering should email [scb@queensu.ca](mailto:scb@queensu.ca)
- The event is April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm. They will need the most help early in the morning or at the end, to help set up or set down.
- Waiting on the sustainability committee to determine whether they can sell wild plants/seeds or not.
- Someone needs to sit at the SCB booth all day, or a group of people at different times.
- Chairs were available under the chairs last year.

### **Photo contest committee**

- In total, the photo contest made 968\$ gross, net was \$552.
- Current balance: end of March was \$5,809 plus \$800 in a different account, plus ~\$200 from Environmental sciences.
- Since we passed a motion to donate net funds from the photo contest up to \$1000, we should discuss how much of the net we would like to donate.
- Other expenses to keep in mind:
  - Summer student to take care of the gardens in front of Biosciences. We received a grant from Human Resources & Skills of Canada, so we

can pay a student for 32 hours a week at 8.75\$/hour. We would like to top it off to \$10/hr. So we would need money to supplement this.

- The biology department will also pay for some of the weeks to help with maintaining the signs outdoors.
- The schoolyard naturalization project, which is happening in the fall. This depends on how many plants we would like to purchase.
- BioDiversity day will need maximum \$150, if they do not get any more grants.
- Things to vote about:
  - Are we willing to pay for the \$300 additional for the summer student?
    - Motion put forward, seconded, unanimous motion by members to go forward with this.
  - Are we willing to spend a maximum of \$150 on biodiversity day?
    - Motion put forward, seconded, unanimous motion by members to go forward with this.
  - How much are we willing to donate to the Land Conservancy?
    - Motion put forward to donate \$750 to the Land Conservancy, seconded.
    - Discussion points: We would like to have a balance for next year's SCB.
    - Why do we not raise the donation to \$1000 as originally suggested?
    - Motion was put forward to be modified to donate \$1000 to the Land Conservancy instead, seconded,
    - Discussion: There was not a whole lot of need to spend copious amounts this year, so we should have enough in the budget for SCB next year.
    - Plus, we get to choose to put the money into education.
    - Unanimous motion by members to go forward with this.
- Still need to write thank-you letters to the major donators of the Photo Contest.

#### Last minute comments:

- It would be nice to put the recent SCB radio interview up on the SCB website.
- SCB has traditionally an all-candidates debate whenever there is a federal/provincial election. Previously, SCB hosted it, but now more groups also help to set up the debate. It is an important thing to do to get important environmental issues addressed.
  - They will need someone to help set it up. The person will need to talk to get the debate setup, advertisements to the public, getting the room set up.
    - A volunteer has offered to help.
    - Would like to make this sooner than later, since the elections are May 2<sup>nd</sup>.                      End of meeting.