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## **Minutes of the Thames Talbot Land Trust Annual General Meeting**

April 9, 2015

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority  
1424 Clarke Rd, London, ON N5V 5B9

### **1. Call to Order**

Linda McDougall welcomed all in attendance, at 19:00. A quorum was recognized.

Linda thanked UTRCA for use of their beautiful building and introduced TTLT staff, Suzanne McDonald Aziz, Julia Eastabrook, and Daria Koscinski.

### **2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting**

*Moved by Quintin Lang, seconded by Bill Maddeford, that the minutes of the AGM held on April 10 2014 be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED**

### **3. President's Report**

Linda McDougall reported on TTLT's progress after 15 years. One hundred seventy-five members, three full-time staff, and a clear status as a reputed organization. She recognized Mary Kerr for her outreach initiatives. She reported on donations of land and stewardship funds for the Bebensee tract, the purchase of the Lusty Tract with generous donations from members and others. She recognized Jane Bowles's legacy donation and its use for the hiring of Daria Koscinski as Property Manager. She reminded members of some highlight events, including the sailing dinner at Fanshawe Lake, which is planned again for 2015. She revealed that announcements will be made regarding future activities. She outlined the successes of the Membership Committee and the Property Management Committee, in particular the December seeding session organized by Daria at Wardville Woods, and the phragmites eradication session at Five Points Forest. She outlined the launch of the London Environmental Network. She announced the fund-raising reception to be held at the Brad Skinner property and encouraged all members to attend. She explained the Thames photo contest and presented a sample poster to serve as a model.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Gordon Saylor presented the financial statements and auditor's report, which had been approved by the Board. He highlighted a number of items, including the fact that the statement is "qualified", which is a normal mention for charitable organizations, due to the confidential nature of some of the income. He explained the Statement of Financial Position, in particular the creation of an "Endowment Fund"



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column. He detailed the Statement of Operations, provided clarifications of the funds, and explained how what appears to be a surplus is in fact an operational deficit.

*Moved by Kim McCabe, seconded by Donald Craig, that the firm Ford Keast be appointed auditors for the TTLT for the 2015 fiscal year, with fees to be established by the Board.*

**CARRIED**

## **5. Board Elections**

New nominees Greg Clark and Jack Smit were introduced. Elaine Gamble was not present. Kim McCabe and Linda McDougall were nominated for second and third terms, respectively.

*Moved by Gordon Saylor, seconded by Stan Caveney that all nominees be elected for a two-year term effective April 9 2015.*

**CARRIED**

Jim Rule presented continuing directors. He thanked Erin Carroll for her service on the board as well as David Dougherty, who was not present.

## **6. Approval of New Bylaws**

David Wake explained the new bylaws as required by the Articles of Continuance. Members were given a copy.

*Moved by David Wake, seconded by Jim Rule, that general operating by-law be repealed effective April 9, 2015 and the new general operating by-law, submitted to this meeting be approved to be effective on the same date. Any one of the officers and directors of the Corporation is authorized to take such actions and execute and deliver all such documentation, which are necessary or desirable for the implementation of this resolution.*

**CARRIED**

## **7. Adjournment**

*Moved by Jack Smit, seconded by Ian Bailey, that the meeting be adjourned.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Meeting notes prepared by André Lachance.