Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive
Date: Tuesday June 27, 2023, at Irene's Pub, Bank St. Time: Noon-14:00

Present: Leonard Barrie (Chair), Yvon Bernier, Denis Bourque, Sheila Bourque, Dawn Conway, Ray Desjardins, Bob Jones, Peter Kimbell, Ann McMillan
Not present: David Grimes, Frank Johnson, Ada Loewen (student rep. Carleton U.), Shiliang (Dan) Shan, Ward Smith, John Stone

Len Barrie opened the meeting and welcomed Peter Kimbell.

1 **Adoption of the agenda**
The agenda was adopted.

2 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2023
The minutes were adopted following a clarification to item 6 by Sheila Bourque.
(Moved Bob Jones; Seconded Sheila Bourque).

3. Actions arising
These are covered under item 5.

4 Financial Update
Yvon Bernier provided a financial update. The Centre's total resources of $10,702.34 include the bank balance of $5,575.40 and a Guaranteed Income Certificate of $5,126.94. The Zoom license to be paid will be $135.60.

Dawn Conway provided Yvon Bernier with a receipt from the ALS Society for the contribution made in the Centre's name to honour its past member, Elaine Moores.
Yvon Bernier confirmed that CMOS National now audits all CMOS Centres' finances. He has provided receipts in support of the audit of the Ottawa Centre.

5. Ottawa Centre Activities for 2022-2023
5 a Monthly lunch-hour seminars
Len Barrie confirmed talks by Sabah Ibrahim (21 September: "Winning the Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency"); and David Sills (19 October: "The Northern Tornadoes Project: What We've Learned About Tornadoes, Downbursts and Derechos in Canada").
A possible November talk by Craig McLean is still to be confirmed. Len Barrie will work with David Grimes to finalize this. A possible alternate would be Andrew VanderZaag. Ward Smith will work to confirm a date for this talk.
A talk by Michel Jean is still in the planning stage.
Len Barrie has determined that Gilbert Brunet will be in Canada January 3-12. He will work on finalizing a date for a seminar in that time period.
Ada Loewen has confirmed the interest of Joanna Dean, Assoc. Prof. at Carleton U., in giving a talk. Len Barrie will work with Ada Loewen later this summer, to advance plans.
Peter Kimbell proposed an NRCan speaker on Forest Fires and offered to look into potential speakers.

Plans for a CMOS Tour Speaker are not yet known. Len Barrie will contact Gordon Griffith, CMOS Executive Director for information. Ann McMillan with check on the SCOR[1] speaker

5 b Centre elections update
Dawn Conway indicated members had been sent the slate of proposed members for the Executive and invited to comment or to propose other potential members. They were informed that under a virtual voting procedure, no response within a month was taken as acceptance. There was no objection to the slate. The executive now has one new member, Peter Kimbell. Conway noted that the Executive had already benefitted from 4 new members in 2022.

5 c Thanks to Abigail Dalton
The Executive expressed its thanks to Abigail Dalton for her contributions as student representative. Her proposed successor, Erika Brummell, was accepted by the Executive.

5 d Update on Science Fairs
Yvon Bernier reported on the Outaouais Science Fairs of March 2 and May 1. Given the dearth of meteorological projects, the CMOS judges reviewed environmental projects, of which there were 38 at the secondary level. A project on bioplastics won the $200 prize. At the elementary level there were 22 projects; one on desertification won the $100 prize. Bob Jones reported that Bernier's report on the Gatineau Science Fair has been posted on the Centre's website.

The CMOS judges at the Ottawa Science Fair were Ray Desjardins, Ada Loewen and Len Barrie. Fifteen of the 87 projects were on the environment. Winning entries were a) a project on harnessing volcanic energy; and b) a project on how plants generate oxygen.
Len Barrie has the CMOS plaque to present to the winning school.

5 e Future Meetings
Next steps in surveying members on virtual and in person meetings: Sheila Bourque and Frank Johnson prepared the survey which is ready to be sent to a test group. It will then go out to CMOS Ottawa members with a response return date set at two weeks. Results will be discussed at the next meeting.

5 f Proposal to support Ottawa Student Representatives to CMOS Congresses
Sheila Bourque reported that the recommendation was to support the registration fees of Ottawa Executive student representatives to CMOS Congresses. A caveat would apply if CMOS waives student registration fees. Len Barrie will check at the next Centre Chairs meeting what CMOS National is doing on this. Members agreed with the recommendation.

6 Other business
Sheila Bourque has been informed by the Museum of Science and Technology that the Museum is open to a donation of meteorological instruments. She will report further at the next meeting.

Len Barrie reported that Serge Desjardins is the new president of CMOS and Shannon Nudds (DFO) is its new Vice-president. Other positions may be found in the Annual Review's

[1] Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research

nominations report, found on-line. The report of the past president, Jim Abrahams, is also on line.

The next CMOS Congresses will be:
2024: Winnipeg, BC Interior & Yukon (virtual)
2025: Saskatoon (hybrid).

The CMOS Executive Director's annual report includes all Centre reports.

Environment and Climate Change Canada has provided a contract of $175K to CMOS, to further educational work associated with its 3-year project on Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity.

7 Date of the next Executive meeting

The next meeting will be by zoom on Tuesday August 29, from 15:00 to 16:30 hours

8 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 14:00.