

CAPT Annual General Meeting

November 16, 2021

Held Via Zoom

1. Opening

The regular AGM meeting of the Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains (CAPT) was called to order at 3:40 PM on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Conference Calling by Dorothy Macnaughton.

Present

Linda Savory-Gordon, Faye Smedley, Dawne Cunningham, Donna Cushley, Donna Taylor, Dorothy Macnaughton, Judy Comrie, Al Errington, Britta Wolfert, David Pepper, Chad Beharriell, David MacLachlan, Valerie Wright, Peter McLarty, Nancy Jones-Scissons

Regrets

Paul Christian, Dean Anderson, Jock Pirrie, Forrest Wolfert

Guests

Jonathan Lalonde, Art Osborne, Russell McLean

2. Approval of the Agenda

Donna Cushley moved to approve the agenda as circulated, Britta Wolfert seconded the motion. No one opposed, no one abstained. Motion carried.

3. Minutes of the November 3, 2020, AGM

Britta Wolfert moved to approve the minutes as circulated, Donna Cushley seconded the motion. No one opposed, no abstainers. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arose from the minutes.

5. CAPT Activities – 2020, 2021 – Dorothy

It has been a quiet year for CAPT due to COVID-19. Board members Linda Savory-Gordon, Dorothy Macnaughton, assisted by Diamyn Lauzon (NORDIK intern) and Johnathan Lalonde (Intern with Missinabie Cree First Nation) successfully applied for funding for a Marketing Plan for the Bear Train.

Linda and Dorothy have developed a list of all local candidates who will be in Provincial election, to be held in June.

Once Watco obtains the train, CAPT will be available to help advocate for funding for the Bear Train.

6. Media and Communications Committee

STATS OF VARIOUS SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: 1,200 accounts 928 total likes.

Instagram: Forrest will submit a report to Chad later. Comments from the Sault equals 850 impressions of CAPT's total likes.

Twitter: No stats

Website: Unable to find any stats. Faye will add Google Analytics to the site.

7. Social Media Report – Chad, Forrest

Chad discussed how the prepaid Visa given to Forrest to use to increase followers of CAPT on Facebook, was not used. It was not used as Forrest did not feel the content warranted it. Chad suggested that Forrest be given permission to use the Visa for any post on Facebook, as a paid post goes out to more people, perhaps leading to more followers. The Board supported this suggestion.

8. Financial Update – Dorothy

NORDIK takes care of CAPT'S money.

- We have a balance of \$ 6, 966.66.

9. Election of the Executive and Appointment of other Board members

- All positions are open

Elected Executive are:

- Dorothy Macnaughton, Chair
- Britta Wolfert, Secretary.

Appointed Board Members are.

- Linda Savory-Gordon, Faye Smedley, Al Errington, Forrest Hinnich, Chad Beharriell, Paul Christian, Dawne Cunningham.
- A discussion occurred re-number of Board members that can be on CAPT's Board. It was determined that the By-laws indicate 15.

ACTION:

- Dorothy will contact Jock Pirrie, Melanie Pilon, Louise and Dean Anderson to confirm their desire to remain on the Board for another 2 years, as they are absent today.

10. Report on initiatives of the MTA Inc. Board which impacts on CAPT's advocacy initiatives.

- CAPT will be working very closely with Watco. We do not want to be working at cross purposes.
- Chief Gauthier is knowledgeable of CAPT's interest in assisting the train.

11. Report from Linda re NEORN's activities.

o NEORN continues to put pressure on the government to get the Northlander back.

11. Dates for regular Board meetings in 2022

-proposing the third Tuesday of every month.

- All present agreed.

12. Next meeting – January 18th at 3:30 p.m. – location TBA or via Zoom.

- If a Hybrid meeting is needed, Al has equipment that aids these meetings.

13. Adjournment.

- Donna Cushley adjourned the meeting at 4:45.