

Attendance:

Current Board Members:

Linda Laepple, Yvonne Zyma, Tom Rockenfield, Louis Silcox, Rob Yost [Absent: Hans-Armin Ohlmann, Khaled Nigim, Vanya Koleva]

Other Attendees: 14 members (list kept on file); 2 non-voting parties.

I. INTRODUCTION: Yvonne Zyma and Louis Silcox

II. REVIEW of the YEAR: with Power Point Presentation by Linda Laepple. Including a look at bio-gas projects in Germany.

Highlights:

1. LIFE has over one year of audited wind data.
2. The Green Energy Act (GEA) has caused a hold on taking next steps as we wait for the dust to settle regarding enabling regulations. Also, the set back distances have scotched the current wind data tower site as a future generator site.

III. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Financial statements were viewed. Yvonne Zyma moved that the membership accept the financial statements; Tom Rockenfield seconded the motion. Motion carried by a show of hands.
2. Tom Rockenfield moved that BDO Dunwoody be approved as auditors for the current year; Yvonne Zyma seconded. Motion carried by a show of hands.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Terms are expiring for Hans-Armin Ohlmann and for Linda Laepple, current President.

1. Nominees for the board are: Tracey Forrest, David Klassen, and Linda Laepple.
2. Nominations from the floor were called for, none were presented.
3. Tracey and David gave brief sketches of their backgrounds.
4. VOTE: all were confirmed for a three year term by acclaim from present members.

V. INTERMISSION: TOUR OF WIND TEST TOWER TAKEN (while waiting for guest speakers to arrive)

VI. **SPEAKER #1 REFO: RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITATION OFFICE:** Petra Fisher, a lawyer with REFO spoke to our membership about what this newly created office does.

1. REFO can help with a streamlined approval process. Their expertise is best applied to gaining regulatory approval (Renewable Energy Approval or REA) and completing Feed In Tariff or FIT contracts with OPA. At the moment, REA requires permits from the Ministries of Culture, Natural Resources and Environment. Municipal consultation forms (i.e. impact on infrastructure) are also needed. Petra referred us to the Environmental Protection Act Reg #359 for many of the details. A very informative presentation.

VII. **SPEAKER #2 HENNING HOLST (a community wind developer in Germany) & WINTON DAHLSTROM (past chair of OSEA)**

1. Henning described the progress of wind energy in his county in Germany. He discussed the early hurdles they faced and addressed some of the "health" issues that are raised in Ontario. He recommended that when starting out we be careful to choose a reliable turbine supplier and get the best maintenance deal we can afford. Winton advised that we not worry about the anti-wind people; he felt that their objections would falter.
2. The membership asked many astute questions and proved they were a highly informed and engaged group of people!

ADJOURNMENT was called. The meeting of the new board was postponed until later in November.