**Executive**

**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

***Connecting, Supporting, Transforming***

**MINUTES**

**June 22, 2022 via Zoom, 10:15 a.m**.

**Roster:** Mark Laird (President Elect), Brent Caslick (Treasurer), Andrea Allan, Jessica Cottrell, Gail Fricker, Jennifer Irving, Joyce Johnston, Marg Krauter, Cathy Larmond, Heather Leffler, Terry Smith

**Present:** Mark Laird, Brent Caslick, Andrea Allan, Jessica Cottrell, Gail Fricker, Jennifer Irving, Marg Krauter, Cathy Larmond, Heather Leffler

**Staff Support:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant & Acting Secretary

**Regrets:** Terry Smith, Joyce Johnston

# Welcome and Constitution of Meeting (President Mark): I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested in me by Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of this meeting will be the Zoom call.

# Acknowledging the Land Mark Laird

# Opening Worship Mark Laird shared an article he wrote for local newspaper for Pride month.

Check-in: introductions, what we are looking forward to this summer.

Mark Laird explained that decision making is done by consensus on most things, some do require a motion. Mark will ask everyone individually if they agree or not so everyone’s voice can be heard. Everyone here holds an important part of the process.

## **Consent Docket**

1. Enabling Actions
2. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
3. That the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2022 and May 24, 2022, be approved as distributed.
4. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Correspondence Received

1. Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) WOWRC: Invitation to Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council to name two members to the TUCC corporation for annual meeting on June 23rd

David Shearman, Felicia Urbanski) Brent Caslick and David Shearman were named last year)

1. Equity Monitor Report: WOWRC Spring 2022 Meeting (Received for information)

C. Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (8) Omnibus motion – June 22, 2022

That the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (8) Executive take the following action(s):

1. Chalmers Community Services Centre of The United Church of Canada

….pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Chalmers Community Services Centre of The United Church of Canada 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Dineen Beath

Winslow Douglas

Steven McAnulty

Steve Pierce

Bruce Ryan

Hillary Schlaht

Debbie Stanley

Eric Tuffnail

Janet Wood

*These are based on the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of May 15, 2022, the 2022 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.*

**Agreed by consensus**

**Business Arising**

1. Commission Reports
   1. Covenant: Marg Krauter. A number of churches have been listed/sold since last report. Alma, Bethany voted to join with Elora, lot of hope for renewal and rejuvenation. Marg noted that a number of congregations are reporting small attendance; worsened since covid. Small congregations are struggling and a lot of the commission’s time is spent on that.
   2. Human Resources: Cathy Larmond. Looking for more people to be on the commission. Tanya Cameron attended a meeting and spoke about Supervised Ministry Education. Fresh Start training to be held at Five Oaks. The commission is looking to replace the chair. Cathy will continue as Executive rep.

Cheryl-Ann spoke about a small congregations in search, not necessarily considering admissionands; admissionands who have their credentials but can’t get a position.

* 1. Mission & Discipleship: Gail Fricker and Jenn Hind are co-chairs. Discussing ways to s Find a way to highlight and celebrate the work communities of faith are doing. Commission is engaged in discussion around the word “mission”. An exciting commission, that doesn’t have the same issues to face as the other commissions.

1. Equity Monitor report. Decision made that WOWRC consider, develop, and implement a statement and policy pertaining to equity building. To be discussed in September. Mark Laird and Andrea Allan to work on an invitation to commissions, to be sent out mid-August, inviting someone from each commission to be a part of the process.

Cathy Larmond and Gail Fricker left the meeting.

**New Business**

1. **MOTION**: Heather Leffler / Jessica Cottrell

That Diane Blanchard be removed as one of the WOWRC expense-approving authorities and that Krista Ford be added as a WOWRC expense-approving authority.

**CARRIED** by consensus

Expense-approving authorities will now be any two of Sue Duliban, Krista Ford, Ruthanna Mack, WOWRC Treasurer, and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa.

1. Proposal 1: Regional Council Appointed Trustees Responsible for Disbanding

Cheryl-Ann noted that it rarely happens that the regional council appoints trustees responsible for disbanding.

**MOTION** Andrea Allan / Marg Krauter

That Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

1. Provide a donation of $1,000 to the United Church ministry of the regional council appointed Trustee’s choice as an expression of gratitude where the Trustees handle the final disposition of property (not an internal transfer); and
2. Provide these honoraria as one of the closing costs, taken from the total proceeds before distribution according to the property policy.

**CARRIED** by consensus

It was noted that mileage reimbursement is also provided.

1. Gorrie UC: Appointment of Trustees

**MOTION:** Brent / Andrea

That Margaret Bakker, Ann Harbridge and Ralph Watson be named as Gorrie UC Trustees effective August 1, 2022.

**CARRIED** by consensus

1. President Elect

Someone has expressed to Mark Laird an interest in serving. Mark is planning to meet and talk to the person and, if interested, they will be made a corresponding member for September and October executive meetings so they can get a sense of the work.

1. Staff Support: process for selection

Cheryl-Ann will work with Marg Krauter to review possible nominations to replace John Gregory Smith. A suggested name will be brought forward to the executive.

The process was agreed to by consensus.

1. Investment Policy Review

**MOTION:** Margaret Krauter / Heather Leffler

That the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Executive agrees to remove Gary Clark from the WOWRC investment account and appoint Terry Smith.

**CARRIED** by consensus

* + - 1. Review draft policy for further discussion and future decision. Brent Caslick and Cheryl-Ann will have further conversation regarding the Investment Policy Review. Executive discussion to be deferred until more of the executive can be involved. Brent Caslick, Terry Smith, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa will talk about the proposal and bring forward a recommendation to the executive.

1. Executive Minister Accountability Report (Received For Information)

**Updates**

1. Camp Day: Camp Day was unfortunately cancelled as 15 people registered, below the minimum threshold organizers had set for the program. While disappointing, comment was made that it was not a bad thing to offer it.
2. September 21, Orientation Day, 10:00 a.m. to afternoon at Mount Forest UC, to be confirmed. In person: Executive and all Commissions.

Jennifer Irving left the meeting.

Confidentiality agreement will be sent to new members.

1. Evaluation of Governance and Staffing Model

Delayed to winter 2023 to recruit facilitators: Jenny Stephens and Bill Allen.

1. UNIFOR is available for May 26-27, 2023 regional council meeting, in person.

Fall 2022 meeting will be online. Maybe try a camp day in the fall before the regional council meeting.

**Ongoing**:

1. Measuring work against purpose statement, affirm mandate – how are we living it out. Cheryl-Ann suggested the executive would be better equipped to address this in the fall and suggested it be added to the agenda for next time and held as an ongoing item.
2. Planning the Fall 2022 meeting: Jessica Cottrell and Heather Leffler offered to assist President Mark with planning – to start in September. President Mark intends to ask Gary Clark to manage worship.

Next meeting: September 21, 2022, 10 a.m., in person, location to be confirmed