

# **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION of CANADA**

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## Minutes of Teleconference 21 April 2002

### **1.0 Roll Call**

Meeting commenced at 10:00 CDT.

Klaus Seeger	Dean Sargeant
Paul Medeiros	Peter Rogers
Duncan Ellison	Shendra Brisdon

Regrets:

Keith Smith	Tim Roark	Robert Bradbury
Ron de Burger	Marilyn Lee	

### **1.1 Errors and Omissions EHFC Minutes 27 January 2002**

There was a change in the finances from \$4205.00 to \$3780.00 received from 34 instead of 36 donors.

Moved by Dean Sargeant and seconded by Peter Rogers that:

*“The minutes of 27 January 2002 be amended as noted”*

CARRIED

### **1.2 Approval of EHFC Minutes of 27 January 2002**

Moved by Dean Sargeant and seconded by Shendra Brisdon that:

*“The minutes of the EHFC teleconference from 27 January 2002 be accepted.”*

ARRIED

### **1.3 Additions to the Agenda**

Add under Section 3.3: Well Maintenance Video

Moved by Duncan Ellison and seconded by Peter Rogers that:

*“The agenda be approved as amended”*

CARRIED

## **1.4 Financial Update**

There was a need to appoint new financial advisors to the EHFC. The names of Bill Leith and Lorraine Woolsey put forth. Bill is a former treasurer of the BC Branch and Lorraine is the Chair of BCIT Environmental Health program.

Moved by Shendra Brisdon and seconded by Peter Rogers that:

*“Bill Leith and Lorraine Woolsey be appointed as financial reviewers for 2001 - 2002”*

CARRIED

There was some discussion on the costs of the fridge magnets - sales vs receipts - and the fact that the EHFC is still carrying a negative balance on this line item. With sales of over 25000 magnets to date, there were questions about where the “profit” that the sale of these items were to bring to the EHFC was. It was promised that clarification on the subject would be brought forth by the next meeting.

Environment Canada is considering the purchase of 100 copies of the septic maintenance video.

Moved by Duncan Ellison and seconded by Paul Medeiros that:

*“The trustees of the EHFC accept the explanatory notes on the finances of the fridge magnets for the moment with the understanding that further detailed explanations will be forth coming prior to the next meeting.”*

CARRIED

## **2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE EHFC MEETING OF 27 JANUARY 2002**

### **2.1 Sewage Video**

Marilyn Lee is having trouble getting Harrowsmith to publish an editorial article on this subject. She is currently working with the 37 Ontario Health Departments to promote the video throughout the province

### **2.2 Temperature Symbols**

There have been 28,300 fridge magnets sold to date. The french symbols are being used in a pamphlet. We must now pay for the “Notice of Allowance”, which confirms that we are using the trademark. No objection was raised to us trademarking these symbols. The cost of the Notice of Allowance will be  $\$200.00 \times 3 = \$600.00$

### **2.3 EHFC / CIPHI Scholarship Fund**

A proposal was brought forth to donate \$1000.00 for this fund, however nothing has been developed yet. The idea would be to provide assistance to any CIPHI member currently employed in the field and who wishes to further his / her education in a recognized field of study.

The thought was that both the EHFC and CIPHI would kick start this fund with donations of \$1000 each prior to soliciting any other donors for financial support for this project.

Moved by Paul Medeiros and seconded by Duncan Ellison that:

*“One thousand dollars be placed into the EHFC / CIPHI Scholarship Fund and that we request the NEC to match our contribution.”*

CARRIED

#### **2.4 Logo / Banner - Letterhead**

There was general discussion and agreement that the logo should be in both official languages. There was some discussion on the setup of the banner and Paul agreed to tinker with a few designs, layout etc. If we are going to get business cards, then we could have them in English on one side and French on the reverse.

#### **2.5 Stanier Hygiene Symposium**

This symposium will be held May 10, 2002 at the University of Western Ontario, and will see the EHFC participate. Klaus will attend. We will be promoting / displaying food safety in the home, infection control issues and cryptosporidium. The agenda will include speakers on displaying food safety in the home, infection control issues and cryptosporidium. The Agenda of the symposium is attached to the minutes.

#### **2.6 FightBac**

The Beef info booklet, “Food Safety: You’re in Control” is to be published at the end of May. Extra booklets have been ordered for distribution to the trustees. In total, approximately 800,000 booklets are to be printed, the bulk of them to be distributed as an insert in a magazine published by Kraft, titled “What’s Cooking”. Each trustee will receive 10 booklets. Each Health Unit across the country will also receive a booklet along with a letter explaining that the booklets are available at a modest cost.

A second publication from the Partnership is a booklet called “Food Safety for Older Adults” and will be inserted in a magazine called “Fifty Plus” in which another 25,000 copies will be printed.

#### **2.7 Web Site Honorarium**

Mike Leblanc accepted the \$500.00 honorarium offered to him for his contribution to running the web site. Mike is keen on continuing his work in this regard.

## **2.8 Canadian Partnership - FightBac Membership**

The Canadian Partnership for Consumer Food Safety Education is looking at revising its partnership levels. Level 4, which is the one the EHFC joined at, will have a minimum subscription of \$100.00 and / or in-kind contribution. The Partnership AGM is in June and this issue will be discussed at that time.

## **2.9 CWWA Forum for use by EHFC**

This site does not cost the CWWA anything. Duncan explained that with more practice and patience, one will become more proficient in its use. In order to log-on, one has to go to the top left corner of the screen (there was a question about how to access the system.)

## **3.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **3.1 EHFC AGM at Fredericton**

This year's annual conference will occur July 29 - 31 in Fredericton. The EHFC AGM will occur on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:00 p.m. local time.

### **3.2 Food Safety Hotline**

This project started in Alberta and is now being considered for Atlantic Canada. The program answers questions dealing with recipes, canning and food safety. There is a thought that it could be more broad-based and include an environmental health component.

This would be a good partnership project with the NEC and already Scott McLean has brought this idea forward for consideration. There is support to explore linkages with the Food Safety Hotline especially as other disciplines are trying to encroach on CIPHI territory.

Further discussion on this subject will occur in Fredericton.

### **3.3 Well Maintenance Video**

The Ministry of Environment in Ontario is producing a film for the individual well owner. This may be an opportunity for us to partner with MOE as it would be a natural extension of our Groundwater Video. Klaus agreed to follow up on this item.

## **4.0 Next Meeting**

July 28, 2002, Fredericton N.B. Time: 4:00 Atlantic.

**The University of Western Ontario & Stanier Institute/Institut Stanier  
Present  
UWO STANIER SYMPOSIUM 2002  
LINKING HYGIENE TO HEALTH: OLD FOES AND NEW CHALLENGES**

**Friday, May 10, 2002 / Vendredi 10 mai 2002  
Conron Hall, University College, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada**

**8:00-9:00 AM            Registration / Enregistrement**

**9:00 AM                Welcome**

**PART I.    INFECTIONS AT HOME. Moderator, Klaus Seeger Environmental Health Foundation of Canada**

**9:15 AM                Changing paradigms in foodborne infections: new opportunities**  
**Mohamed Karmali**      Laboratory for Foodborne Zoonoses, Health Canada, Guelph, and Department of Molecular  
Medicine and Pathobiology, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

**9:45 AM                Food safety and foodborne disease in homes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**  
**Elizabeth Scott**        Consultant in Food and Environmental Hygiene, Newton MA, USA

**10:15-10:45 AM        Break / Pause**

**10:45 AM                When home is an institution: role of epidemiology in prevention**  
**Allison McGeer**        Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, and Infection Control, Mount Sinai Hospital, and University of  
Toronto, Toronto, ON

**11:15 AM                Role of nutrition in host resistance to infection.**  
**Simin Meydani**        Nutritional Immunology Laboratory, Department of Nutrition and Immunology, JM USDA Human  
Nutrition Research Center at Tufts University, Boston MA, USA

**11:45-12 Noon / Midi    Questions and Discussion/Questions et Discussion**

**12 Noon / Midi - 1:15 PM    Lunch / Déjeuner**

**PART II.    THE EXOTIC BECOMES FAMILIAR. Moderator, Sara Galsworthy University of Western Ontario**

**1:15 PM                Prevention and control of infections in hospitals: from Rags to Riches to Rags**  
**Dick Zoutman**        Microbiology, Infectious Diseases, and Infection Control, Kingston General Hospital, and Queens  
University, Kingston, ON

**1:45 PM                West Nile Virus: can exotic agents make permanent residence in Canada?**  
**Harvey Artsob**        Zoonotic Diseases and Special Pathogens, National Microbiology Laboratory, Health Canada,

Winnipeg,

**2:15-2:45 PM**

**Break / Pause**

**2:45 PM**

**Bryna Warshawsky**

**Leptospirosis and Q Fever: Zoonoses in your back yard.**

Middlesex-London Health Unit, and University of Western Ontario, London, ON

**3:15 PM**

**Greg Dekaban**

Institute, London, ON

**Current molecular approaches to the development of an HIV vaccine**

Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Western Ontario and Robarts Research

**3:45-4:00 PM**

**Questions and Discussion/Questions et Discussion**

**4:00-4:30 PM**

**International Forum on Hygiene Roundtable. Moderator, Elizabeth Scott**