Canadian Chapter - Stream Restoration Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 2 2017
Meeting Time: 12:00 PM EST
Meeting Location: Teleconference
Meeting Called BY: Harry Reinders
Note Taker: Aileen Holland

ATTENDEES:
Harry Reinders, George Zeppieri, Braidon Monette (for Dave Cooke), Paul Villard, Alex Scott, Mark Hartley, Sally-Beth Betts, Aileen Holland, Rob Amos

ABSENT: Dave Cooke, Moranne McDonnell, Risa Oleksy

AGENDA TOPICS:
• Welcome and Introductions

REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE:
• This was put together so that there is consistency within all the committees of the Canadian Chapter.
• Currently – 3 committees- ESC, Stormwater Management and Stream Protection and Restoration.
• Governed by the chapter bylaws and Board.
• 5-10 members with diverse range of people – currently committee has member representing implementation, supplier and governing agency.
• Meet 4 times per year.
• CAN-IECA Board meeting minutes were sent out so our committee is informed.

PAST EVENTS -:
• TRIECA - 743 attendees. Good sessions on Stream restoration at TRIECA. Multi-themed.
• Quebec Symposium – very successful – 160 attendees great to partner up with someone to deliver event. Theme was ESC.
UPCOMING EVENTS - JOHN MCCULLAH AT TRCA ON JUNE 5-7 STREAM RESTORATION COURSE:

- TRCA in Toronto. John McCullah from California (runs an online series call Dirt Guy) is doing a 2 day Stream Restoration Course. This will involve some field work natural channel concepts demonstration in the Woodbridge area. Supported by IECA Canada. Spaces are still open.
- Halifax – June 22-23 -IECA-Canada is Partnering with the Clean Nova Scotia Foundation (Atlantic Stormwater Initiative) The theme is LID.

NATURAL CHANNELS INITIATIVE GROUP UPDATE:

- Conference last fall in Niagara Falls is now being chaired by Sally-Beth Betts and Cassi from CVC.
- Conference committee met for the first time last week for an anticipated 2018 conference.
- Looking into doing it in the Guelph or Cambridge area in 2018. Will nail down date and location soon.
- They will look at what are the main goals and how they will function before they want to partner with anyone. (Eg-CAN-IECA)
- CAN-IECA is looking to supporting this group. Cross advertising and support for each other being the motive as well as bettering the industry together.
- Will it be annually or bi-annually? TBD.

SHADOW PROGRAM:

- Shadow program is a one-day placement with leading companies in the industry, in which the individuals will shadow professionals and experience hands-on tasks in the workplace and field
- Alex did it this summer. Toured job sites. Nice to see practical side instead of just the philosophical side.
- Three pilot programs so far with our cornerstone members – you can sign up online http://canieca.org/students/shadow-program/.
- Testimonials are now on the website.
- Work together to promote the shadow program.
- We will now ask Emerald or Corporate members for the Shadow Program.
- A suggestion is to do it for a group of students instead of individually
- Promote program to all Cornerstone, Emerald and Corporate members and individual and student members.

CSA STANDARD FOR ESC:

- Canadian Chapter partnering with CSA to develop a national standard for ESC.
- Significant interest in this initiative, will build credibility for Chapter by working with CSA.
- Voluntary standard, Chapter will play key role in developing this standard and communicating the results across Canada.
- Inspections and Monitoring Standard first of three standards to be developed, followed by Installation & Maintenance then Planning & Design.
• It will take 12-18 months for each module with the goal of having all three done in 3 years.
• $5000 to get a seat on the technical committee.
• Raised $40,000 so far. Need $10,000 more to get first phase going with CSA to develop a national standard for ESC. Will take 12-18 months for each module with the goal of having all three done in 3 years maximum. The second module is planned to be started before the first module is done. Then the third. This is to speed up the process.

WEBSITE CONTENT, INPUT AND PROMOTION:

• [http://canieca.org](http://canieca.org) (Amanda Ingriselli doing the updates for IECA Canada - amanda_ingriselli@hotmail.com)
• Please send any updates or new contact to keep it interesting. Any news items or items of interest
• Get a Stream Restoration Tab going so content can be added. This means we need content!
• Facebook group [https://www.facebook.com/iecacanada](https://www.facebook.com/iecacanada)
• Twitter Group: [https://twitter.com/iecacanada](https://twitter.com/iecacanada)
• LinkedIn Group: [https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/12959653/?pathWildcard=12959653](https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/12959653/?pathWildcard=12959653)

OTHER DISCUSSION:

• Action items for the year for the committee to work on throughout the year.
• Do we want to spread cross country? Who are those connections? Create a National Connection data base.
• People not having an idea of who to go to? Who do they call for issues?
• Figure out Financial Plan.
• Terms of Reference: purpose of committee to be specific: 2 or 3 bullet item to let the board know what to expect from committee.
• **Action Item:** Practitioner list.-Paul Villard
• **Action Item:** outreach to target / find other individual that have common interest in other provinces. Paul Villard, Mark Hartley.
• Do we contact Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain association? ORBA?** Leave this to the CAN-IECA board for now.
• **Action Item:** Natural Channel. For the next TRIECA- give some thoughts to abstracts from S Activities in Terms of Reference – National or Ontario focus?
• There needs to be a sharing of knowledge and someone on the ground with local contacts to support conferences cross-country. It’s difficult to do this from a distance.
• Pass along any contacts in other provinces to Harry (including academic).
• **Stream Restoration and Protection Committee @ TRIECA-** Make it a priority for our committee to review abstracts for the Stream Restoration and Protection talks
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NEXT CALL: MID JUNE

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