

Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association (WRTBWA)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the WRTBWA
Held on May 22, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Corran Ban Hall, PEI

Present: John Hughes, Lowell Vessey, Ryan Winters, Sarah Wheatley, Jean-Paul Arsenault, Clare Martin, George Coade, Scott Stevens, Cathy Corrigan, Esther Currie.

Guests: Aggi-Rose Reddin, Alan Howatt, Bloyce Thompson, Charlene Coade, Chayla Exner, David Sabapathy Dwayne McNeill, Elmer McDougall, Greg Donald, Ivan MacDonald, Jackie Olafson, Jaycee Sabapathy, Jeff Bysterveldt, Joan McDougall, John Rowe, Judy MacKay, Leigh Mclsaac, Mary J. Gallant, Noreen Hughes, Patricia Powers, Paula Peters, Pete Buker, Sabina Zettner, Stella Fitzpatrick, Susan Hughes, Teresa Doyle, Terry Howatt, Vera Hughes, Willem VanNieuwenhuyzen.

Absent: Matt Steeves

1. George called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. Started with remarks from the Chair of the Board, George Coade

George mentioned that anyone who wants to be on the Board should approach a Board member and they'll make sure their name gets on the nomination list. George emphasized that we're a charitable organization and we'll issue receipts for anyone who donates.

3. AGM minutes from 2018

Sarah read the minutes. No changes or corrections were made to the 2018 minutes. Minutes moved for adoption by Scott Stevens and seconded by Terry Howatt. All were in favour of the minutes and the motion was carried.

4. Guest Speaker

Aggi-Rose Reddin, representing the Glenaladale Heritage Trust organization.

Topic: Aggi-Rose spoke about what the Glenaladale Heritage Trust organization has been doing since the purchase of the estate, including a focus on preservation, partnerships, and preparations for their 250th anniversary in 2022.

Aggi-Rose's presentation can be accessed on the WRTBWA website.

Aggi-Rose concluded her presentation at 7:37 PM and took questions from the audience.

5. Report from the Treasurer

At 7:43 Lowell took the stage.

Lowell presented the Financial Statement prepared by an independent third-party auditor. Lowell explained differences in revenue from 2018 to 2019. Lowell finished his presentation at 7:50 PM.

There was no new business arising from Lowell's report. Lowell moved to accept his report. Clare seconded. All were in favour of Lowell's report and the motion was carried.

6. Report from the Chair

George Coade took the stage at 7:50 PM.

- George explained there are 24 watershed organizations in PEI and discussed the funding model for watershed organizations and formulas used to disperse money.
- Recapped the size of the Winter River – Tracadie Bay watershed and described the watershed's ecology.

- Highlighted the Field report and all the work that went into it, and the current task of reviewing the watershed management plan.
- Highlighted the Association's 600+ members, website and social media presence, hikes and events, and other community outreach efforts.
- With changes in land use and land management strategy, the sustainability of healthy water, plants and animals will be compromised so we need to manage using more conservation measures.
- Explained the challenges we face, such as seeking assurance that less water will be extracted from the watershed and that the new Water Act and regulations meet the needs of the watersheds and protects the healthy balance of our land, needed for our future
- George concluded by thanking the members of the Board and staff for their hard work and dedication.

7. Report from the Coordinator

Sarah took the stage at 8:09 PM

- Sarah's report included a description of staff, field work, stream work, shoreline clean-ups, erosion control, culvert replacement, insect hotels, education days, and data collection.
- Sarah thanked our partners and highlighted plans for the upcoming year.

8. Other Business

John Hughes took the stage at 8:27 PM.

John thanked Cathy Corrigan and George thanked Esther Currie for their years of service to the Board.

9. Election of board members

Ryan asked for further nominations to the Board and three new members were nominated (Jeff Bysterveldt, Sarah Donald, Dwayne McNeill). Ryan moved to have the existing and new Board members nominated for the upcoming year. JP seconded the motion. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

10. Concluding Remarks

George shared concluding remarks and moved to adjourn the Annual General Meeting. John seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully Submitted, Ryan Winters