

Minutes
Winter River - Tracadie Bay Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Grand Tracadie School
February 21, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Bruce Smith
Cathy Corrigan
Don Mazer
George Coade

John Hughes
Lowell Vessey
Rod Dempsey
Sarah Wheatley

1. **Welcome**

The meeting was convened with a majority of board members present.

2. **Review of Minutes from last board meeting**

The minutes from the January board meeting were read and accepted with minor corrections.

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

a. Charitable Status

The bylaws must be changed to meet some criteria of the charitable status application. Bruce is drafting the revised section. These changes must be sent to membership at least 30 days before the AGM for review.

There was a discussion on the amount of paperwork that will be required each year to maintain charitable status, such as forms for Revenue Canada. It was decided that paperwork shouldn't be a reason to give up this idea, so we will keep moving forward with this process.

b. Meetings

Bruce's meeting with Jim Lee to discuss stream flow models was cancelled due to a storm. The rescheduled date is Monday Feb 25.

4. **Newsletter**

The newsletters are printed and ready to distribute. Most will be sent via Canada Post. Discussed adding an insert to the newsletter promoting the upcoming showing of GasLand in coordination with Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bay.

Distribution of the newsletter must be coordinated with having the final draft of the Watershed Management Plan ready, because the newsletter asks for input on this last draft.

5. **Watershed Management Plan (WMP)**

There was extensive discussion over some of the changes to the WMP that were proposed by the City of Charlottetown. A further meeting or email exchange will be needed to finalize some sections. When the content is finalized and last editing is done, the WMP will be uploaded to our website, then the newsletters will be sent out.

6. **Possible submissions**

a. Lands Protection Act - Cathy and Bruce will look into this commission led by Horace Carver if time permits.

b. Sustainable Futures Forum - Don will be submitting some ideas to this forum.

c. Water Stewardship award - We are being nominated for this award.

7. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This meeting must fall sometime before May 31. The exact timing must take into consideration when the accountants can complete the audit of our finances and the travel schedules of the co-chairs. Everyone is to consider ideas for a guest speaker and possible new board members.

8. Nutrient Management Project

Discussed the importance of having the larger farmers in the area participate in this project. We decided to approach the 6-8 large farming operators to see if we have support for this project. If the farmers are not willing to participate, we should withdraw our application to EcoAction now. It wouldn't be good to turn down a funding offer at the last minute because we can't fulfill the requirements.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held March 21.