

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

Residence of Don Mazer
September 3, 2009, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
John Hughes

Allan MacCormac
Don Mazer

1. Welcome

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

2. New Business

- a) We have an opportunity to register for a Digital Geographic Data Distribution Agreement with the P.E.I. Department of Environment, Energy & Forestry. This should allow us access to more online watershed information

ACTION: Cathy will obtain more information from the Department and submit our application.

- b) Our coordinator, Jackie Bourgeois, has seven weeks left in her position. Summer student Mark will be finishing up at the end of next week and summer student Mick will be finished tomorrow.
- c) For the purpose of future planning, it would be valuable if Jackie can identify points of vulnerability in the watershed (e.g., locations susceptible to erosion, locations that would benefit from tree plantings). This could also include an estimate of what would be required to perform the work in these areas (e.g., cost, time, resources).

ACTION: Jackie will be approached to see if she could put together a report containing this information.

- d) Once the report from the above item is complete, we should meet with officials from the City of Charlottetown to discuss the information and ways in which we can proceed in 2010 to act on this information.
- e) Don has been in touch with the province regarding the Environmental Futures Program that funds students to do short-term environmental projects.

ACTION: Don will submit an application to the province requesting students for a two-week period in 2010.

- f) We will commence planning for a public update seminar to be held, tentatively, on Thursday, October 15 (perhaps at the Corran Ban Hall). This would be a time when Jackie can share some of her photographs and experiences from the summer work period.

- g) Don has registered Tracadie Bay as a site for the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. It will take place on Saturday, September 26, beginning at 9 in the morning. Interested people can meet at the Corran Ban Hall and the Tracadie Cross Community Centre from where they will go to the end of the Queen's Point Road, the Old Bedford Road, or the MacIntyre Shore Road to commence the cleanup. It would be nice to have four to six people at each site. Don has left a message with Gary Griffin to see if TARRP would like to be involved.
 - ACTION: Don will submit a public service announcement to CBC.
 - ACTION: Rod will notify the people on our email distribution list and distribute any posters that may arrive from the national TD organizers

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23 (location to be determined). Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.