

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

Home of John Dalziel
August 19, 2010, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.

Present:

George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
John Dalziel
John Hughes

Don Mazer
Chris Mutch
Bruce Smith
Lowell Vessey

1. Welcome

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

2. Business

- a) Coordinator Bruce Smith reported to the Board. A summary of his report, in point form, is provided below.
- A news release summarizing work completed in the watershed over the summer months was put together for the Guardian.
 - The summer crew of Nicole Murtagh, Luke Peters and Danielle Lacey will complete their final day in the watershed on August 23. Chris and Bruce were very pleased with the crew's work ethic and attitude and would gladly recommend them for future projects.
 - The Department of Transportation (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) is working to repair a culvert at Donaldston Road Crossing on a tributary to Tracadie Bay. All landowners were supportive of this work. The Department agreed to remove and replace decking, put baffles in and replace the floor of the culvert. It was recommended that rock be placed in the pool below the culvert to raise the water level by 20 centimeters. This activity may become part of a volunteer work day on September 11, (9-12 a.m.) when we will also be removing some alders at a different location.
 - The Board requested that Bruce contact Jason Affleck to obtain information on the gravel pits located in the watershed.
 - Bruce attended another meeting at the North Shore Community Center on the "sea lettuce" situation in Covehead and Brackley bays. He reported that many politicians were in attendance.

- Chris reported that the crew removed 160 pounds of debris from Tim's Creek and twice that amount from Hardy Mill Pond.
 - Chris has uploaded information on our Association to the social networks of Face Book, My Space and Twitter.
- b) Chris will complete his work with the Association in about two weeks. Without the summer work crew, he will only do chainsaw work if there are volunteers to assist him.
- c) John Hughes hosted the summer work crew to a tour of the Winter River in his hand-crafted 8-person canoe. Lunch was supplied and served at John's cabin.
- d) Cathy reported on the Action H₂O Summit she attended in Wolfville, N.S. on Saturday, August 17. She obtained lots of information on water conservation and efficiency-based approaches to water management. The action H₂O toolkit acquired at the Summit provides resources for groups to engage their community leaders and local governments and get communities and cities to take action to reduce water consumption.
- e) Cathy will book two seats for the Riparian Health Workshop in Moncton on September 28-30. Watershed groups receive one free registration. Possibly Cathy and/or Bruce will attend.
- f) Don, Cathy and Rod met to begin the process of gathering information for a water conservation brochure for our watershed as well as for City residents and water consumers. It is a work in progress.
- g) Cathy has agreed to help support the youth program organized by the Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bays. L.M.Montgomery and Stonepark schools will be involved in these monthly sessions.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, at the Brackley Commons. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.