

Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association (WRTBWA)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the WRTBWA
Held on Aug 21, 2019, 7:00 pm at the WRTBWA office at 13977 St. Peters Road, Marshfield, PE

Present: John Hughes, Sarah Wheatley, Clare Martin, Ryan Winters, Jean-Paul Arsenault, Lowell Vessey, Sarah Donald, Matt Steeves, George Coad

Absent: Scott Stevens, Dwayne McNeill, Jeff Bysterveldt

Clare called the meeting called to order at 6:58PM

1. Minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting

Minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting were circulated by Ryan prior to the meeting. Jean-Paul motioned to accept the minutes, George seconded, all were in favour, none opposed. Minutes were approved.

2. Chairperson's Report – Clare Martin

- City of Charlottetown
 - Clare gave an update on funding from the City of Charlottetown.
 - George and Clare plan to bring it up again with the Water Committee.
 - Jean-Paul talked to counsellor, who said WRTBWA should be getting a written response from Richard McEwan on the \$10K reduction in funding.
 - Sarah W. circulated a link from the City's July committee meetings. These documents included mentions of upcoming projects, including:
 - A new trail that goes from Andrews pond to the Confed trail – but no money has been committed.
 - Ellen's Creek funding.
 - The City has awarded a contract to CBCL for growth management strategy (includes water). Tender documents ask where new water supply and new water lines might be located.
 - Jean-Paul suggested that WRTBWA take a new approach on the funding issue. He suggested lumping several key issues together and tasking the Communications committee with developing a more wholistic plan. Ideas include:
 - City of Charlottetown funding
 - Potato field issue
 - Water Extraction Regulations
 - George said that it was a good idea to put together another group and fight for the lost funding.
 - George also recommended creating a financial justification – linking funding from the City to the value the WRTBWA provides.
 - Sarah D. recommended having a meeting with all parties' environment critics. This would keep the issue non-partisan.
 - City may offer \$52K in grants annually, and some of this money never gets spent. Therefore, WRTBWA should write a letter at the end of the summer to seek any unused funding. Sarah W. has created a reminder for this.
- Insurance
 - Sarah confirmed WRTBWA has taken out enough insurance.

3. Treasurer's Report – Lowell Vessey

	<i>Chequing account</i>	<i>Savings Account</i>
Opening Balance: Jul 1, 2019	\$50,732.95	\$70,530.11
Less o/s cheques clearing	\$10,821.43	-
Plus deposits	\$9,746.00	\$58.16
Less expenses	\$22,370.49	-
Less unauthorized debit*	\$449.64	-
Plus o/s cheques	\$6,975.51	-
Closing balance: Jul 31, 2019	\$33,812.90	\$70,588.27

**An unauthorized debit was taken out of our account. The bank was notified and has since reimbursed us.*

4. Committees: Field Committee – Vacant (Committee Chair)

- Next meeting will be scheduled in the Fall. Committee Chair will be elected at that meeting.

5. Coordinator’s Report – Sarah Wheatley reported (see report)

- DFO funding for Coastal Restoration is on its way – the contract is currently being updated.
- Staff are working on final reports.
- \$2,200 for donations, due in part to raspberry field fundraiser (WRTBWA will send a thank you card for this).
- CBC called to enquire about water levels. The Board agreed we shouldn’t write a story based on one year’s data. This is because we can’t prove higher water levels are connected the Miltonvale station coming online. Rather, it could be due to other factors like more rainfall in the spring.
- Staff Fun Day Aug 22 – canoeing in AM followed by picnic/games at Sarah W’s
- We have received permission to take the Board on a field trip of the potato field runoff site. Jean-Paul proposed inviting the environment minister and the two environment critics.

6. Water Extraction Regulations

- The Communications committee will develop a response.

7. WRTBWA Property

- Sarah W. brought in sample of woodchips for the Board to review. Based on research, woodchips are okay to place on a flat plane, but not on a steep slope. Degraded woodchips would be donated. WRTBWA will just have to pay a delivery fee (approx. \$200). John recommended focusing on placing woodchips in the most desirable areas first. George offered to drop by donor’s property to review the woodchips. Lowell moved that we acquire one truckload of woodchips, as long as George gives the OK on their quality. Sarah D. seconded the motion. All were in favour, none opposed.

8. Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:36

Next meeting: Sep 18, 2019

Signature – Clare Martin, Chair of WRTBWA

Date

Signature – Ryan Winters, Secretary of WRTBWA

Date