

# Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association (WRTBWA)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the WRTBWA  
Held on May 22, 2018, 7:00 pm at the Corran Ban Hall, PEI

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**Present:** John Hughes, Lowell Vessey, Ryan Winters, Sarah Wheatley, J.P. Arsenault, Clare Martin, George Coade, Scott Stevens, Matt Steeves, Meghan McCarthy, Cathy Corrigan,

Guests: Paul McIntyre, Patricia Power, Noreen Hughes, Bernie Fitzpatrick, Patrick Leveque, Megan Glover, Mary J Gallant, Aggi-Rose Reddin, Vanessa Jackson, Evan MacDonald

**Absent:** Esther Currie

## 1. George called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 2017

Sarah read the minutes. No changes or corrections were made to the 2017 minutes. Minutes moved for adoption by JP and seconded by Scott. All were in favour of the minutes and the motion was carried.

## 4. Guest Speaker

Evan MacDonald works for PEI Agriculture and Fisheries in the Sustainable Agriculture Division. His background is in mapping and surveying. Before this, Evan worked for Environment, Finance, and Municipal Affairs.

Topic: Sustainable Agriculture Resources - Using new technology for Soil Conservation

Evan's presentation can be accessed on the WRTBWA website

Evan concluded his presentation at 7:34 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 2017 to 2018. Lowell finished his presentation at 7:52 PM

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

## 6. Report from the Chair

George Coade took the stage at 7:54 PM

- George read the objectives of the WRTBWA and explained that each year we review the plans
- George confirmed that a grant will be coming from the City of Charlottetown and mentioned sources of Provincial and Federal funding.
- George explained that WRTBWA has become a landowner over the past year due to a land donation. Now we want to get a management plan together and identify all species living there
- George highlighted work completed on the Winter River trail.

- George mentioned we've established a committee with the City of Charlottetown and the Province to improve communication Plan is to meet four times a year. For example, one issue is we're waiting for the Miltonvale wellfield to come online. City is emphasizing the installation of water meters
- George emphasized the good work completed by the staff of the watershed and by the Board.
- George thanked everyone for their support and said we want to build a watershed that has a healthy report card.

#### **7. Report from the Coordinator**

Sarah concluded her presentation at 8:14 PM and took questions from the audience

#### **8. Glenaladale Heritage Trust**

Cathy Corrigan took the stage at 8:16 PM

Cathy thanked Meghan McCarthy for her years of service to the Board

Cathy encouraged the audience to come check out the Glenaladale property which is now a protected parcel of land in our watershed and mentioned free tours of the property.

#### **9. Election of board members**

George and John seconded Cathy's thanks for Meghan's work on the board as she steps down this year.

Cathy nominated Clare as a new board member and Meghan seconded the nomination.

John asked for further nominations to the Board but no new nominations were forthcoming

John moved to have the listed Board members nominated for the upcoming year. JP seconded the motion. All were in favour and the motion was carried.

#### **10. Announcements**

Sarah reminded the audience of the Winter River trail hike June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Lowell got up and thanked Sarah Wheatley for her hard work and thanked our Chair, George Coade for carrying the load of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42

Respectfully Submitted, Ryan Winters