

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

Grand Tracadie School
January 19, 2012, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Present:

George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
John Hughes

Don Mazer
Bruce Smith
Lowell Vessey
Sarah Wheatley

1. Welcome

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

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Subsequent to a few modifications, the minutes from the December 15 meeting were approved.

3. Co-Chair's Report (Don)

- Last week, a meeting was held with Minister Janice Sherry and Jim Young (representing the Department of Environment, Labour and Justice). The focus of the meeting included government policies on sustainable water extraction and developing the new well field at Miltonvale Park.
- Last night, a meeting was held with representatives from the City of Charlottetown's Water and Sewer Utility Committee. Topics of discussion included water extraction targets, the development of the Miltonvale Park well field, development policies as they relate to water extraction, and next steps in the relationship between our group and the City (e.g., access to information, accountability).

4. Treasurer's Report (George)

- George reviewed the 2011 budget projection versus a current estimate of revenue and expenses.
- The Association has finished 2011 with a modest surplus for 2012.

5. Coordinator's Report (Bruce)

- Bruce has completed the Rural Development final report, the Skills-PEI Internship project final report, the Wildlife Conservation Fund final report.
- An application has been submitted for the next installment of EcoAction.
- A report of activities in 2011 has been submitted to the City of Charlottetown as has an application for funding for 2010.

- Pit sites have been review.
- Beaver have been removed from the watershed.
- On several occasions, Bruce, John H., and Becky have looked for sources of silt above Hardy's Pond and the Suffolk Road.
- Have accompanied Board members to meetings with Provincial Government officials and City officials.
- Have met with the Association's Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee

Activities to do

- Continue working on the watershed management plan.
- Complete EcoAction final report including financial report.
- Complete Watershed Management Fund final report including financial report.
- Apply for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Fund, Canada Summer Jobs, Skills PEI, Watershed Management Fund.

6. Workshops

- Active Communities Inc. is hosting a series of Volunteer Board Development Workshops in February and March. The topics for the three workshops include basic roles and responsibilities, effective board meetings, and recruitment and retention. Sarah will attend on behalf of the Association.
- The New Brunswick branch of the Canadian Water Resources Association is organizing a one-day workshop on fresh water management in Atlantic watersheds and municipalities. The workshop will be held on February 3, 2012 at Université de Moncton. Bruce is interested in attending.

7. On-the-Job Training

A letter has been received from Ben Hoteling (Instructor, Wildlife Conservation Technology, Holland College) notifying us that the students in the program are interested in on-the-job training opportunities and that the opportunities do not necessarily have to coincide with the academic year.

8. Showshoe Event

The Association's snowshoe event will be held on Saturday, February 18, with a storm date of February 25.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, at the Grand Tracadie School. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.