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Meeting Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
May 26th, 2015
Corran Ban Hall
7:00 – 9:00pm

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by George Coade, chair of the WRTBWA. George welcomed the attendees and introduced current board members in attendance. 27 people in attendance.

Meghan McCarthy	Jevon Mayhew	Cathy Corrigan	Noreen Hughes
George Coade	Phil Arbing	Will Horne	Frank Morrison
John Hughes	Vera Hughes	Jackie Olafson	Kristina Ivkov
Ben Hoteling	Shirley Gallant	Gary Abrams	Eddie Rice
Lowell Vessey	Terry Howatt	Kori Abrams	Bernie Fitzpatrick
Sarah Wheatley	Alan Howatt	Betty Pryor	

2. Reading of Minutes from 2014 AGM by acting secretary, Meghan McCarthy.
Jean-Paul Arsenault moved adoption of the minutes, seconded by Dominic Johnson. Motion carried.
3. Reports
 - a. Chairperson – George Coade
 - i. 7100 hectares, 40% agriculture, 40% forestry, 43 km of stream.
 - ii. Management plan in place to protect & improve quality/quantity of water in the watershed. In order to meet objectives, elected board of 12 members – Finance Committee, Field Committee, External Relations Committee, Communications Committee
 - iii. Watershed Coordinator – Sarah Wheatley, field supervisor - Luke Peters
 - iv. Board meets monthly, members also attend Alliance meeting of larger group, and meetings of Central PEI watershed groups.



- v. Funding from Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government, Wildlife Conservation Fund, Walmart Evergreen, Science Horizons. Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program, EcoAction, Provincial Watershed Management Fund, City of Charlottetown.
 - vi. Manage by planting/maintaining trees, removing debris from streams, etc.
 - vii. Our Coordinator, Bruce Smith, retired this year. We hired Sarah Wheatley as our new Coordinator. Also want to thank Don Mazer who is retiring from the board this year. Don has put many years of work into the board, and our watershed management plan. Also recognize Cathy Corrigan for her service.
 - viii. Challenges – diversity of watershed, activities, physical existence, fish passage, siltation in streams, stream maintenance, continue to determine tree planting sites. Water extraction is causing streams to go dry.
 - ix. Want to contribute to the new provincial water act. Ask for help to work together for a healthy watershed, and for ongoing support.
- b. Treasurer – Lowell Vessey
- i. Lowell took over Treasurer duties in January 2015.
 - ii. Statements were prepared by BDO. See report.
 - iii. Balance on March 31, 2014: \$15,347. Balance on March 31, 2015: \$25,427
 - iv. Moved adoption by Lowell Vessey, seconded by John Hughes. Motion carried.
- c. Watershed Coordinator for 2014 – Bruce
- i. Very active year, more staff than before. 4 Jobs for Youth, hired from the community. Bruce talked about the main activities of the staff, main focus of which was enhancing buffer zones with tree planting. Concentrated from below Officer's Pond to Corran Ban on tree planting & fish habitat.
 - ii. Wed, June 10 – Nutrient Management meeting with residents, septic systems & groundwater.
- d. Watershed Coordinator for 2015 – Sarah
- i. Reviewed funding that has been approved, and what applications have been made for funding.
 - ii. Presented budgeted items, and plans for the 2015-2016 year.
 - iii. Fish trap, measuring the depth of the pond,



iv. Water monitoring program, Fish enhancement, Fall site assessments

4. Election of Board for 2015-16 – John Hughes

Members are elected for 1-year term, bylaws call for a minimum of 6, maximum of 12 people.

Returning members:

Ben Hoteling, Stanhope

George Coade, Suffolk

Bernie Fitzpatrick, Pleasant Grove

John Hughes, Corran Ban

Jean-Paul Arsenault, Charlottetown

Lowell Vessey, York

David Thompson, Grand Tracadie

Meghan McCarthy, Suffolk

Dominic Johnston, Brackley

Scott Stevens, Charlottetown

New Members: William Horne, Charlottetown

Matt Steeves, Charlottetown

Moved for adoption by John Hughes. Seconded by Ben Hoteling. Motion carried.

5. Announcements

- Ben Hoteling, on behalf of the Board, thanked Bruce Smith, our outgoing watershed coordinator for his efforts for conservation on PEI, and especially on behalf of the board. Bruce was presented with a card, and a gift to show our thanks for his four years of work.
- Bruce reinforced how important it is to work with the farmers in the watershed.

6. Other Business

George presented the proposed amendments to our bylaws

Section 5.1: The Annual Meeting of the members for the election of directors and for the transaction of other business shall be held at the Office of the Corporation, within two months of the fiscal year-end, or at such other place, as the Board of Directors may decide. Notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of the Corporation shall be given to the members in writing by ordinary mail or by e-mail at least seven days prior to such meeting. Notice for the Annual General Meeting shall be advertised by newspaper at least seven days prior to such meeting. (to replace Pleasant Grove mailing address with Office of the Corporation)

Section 8.1: Bylaws may only be amended by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting, or any special meeting held for that purpose. (add or any special meeting held for that purpose).



Moved by Jean Paul Arsenault, seconded by Bernie Fitzpatrick that the changes be approved. Motion carried.

7. Upcoming events:

- June 6 – Spring Hike – annual hike 10am-12pm
- June 10 – nutrient mgmt. meeting
- June 13 tree planting, Brackley Commons (funded by Walmart Evergreen project) 10am-12pm
- June 20 tree planting in Grand Tracadie park (funded by Walmart Evergreen project) 10am-12pm
- Shoreline cleanup in planning stages for the end of June. Follow the website/Facebook page for more info.

8. Other announcements

- Sarah is looking for the name of branches of the streams in the watershed. Please tag the maps with the names of the streams.
- Eddie Rice – Chair of Water Commission, City of Charlottetown – funding has been approved.
 - As of May 27, info will go out that water metering will increase in Charlottetown, to be completed by 2017.
 - 1400 people have volunteered for metering, and it will be mandatory starting in July 2015.
 - Councilor Rice has asked council to move forward on two new well fields. Looking to reestablish a commission and including Stratford from a sewage point of view. Looking to engage in a more regional way.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Ben Hoteling at 8:18pm.