

# Agenda

1. Welcome

2. Minutes of 2015 AGM

3. Reports

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Coordinator

4. Other business

- Bylaw change

5. Election of Board for  
2016-17

6. Announcements

7. Guest Speaker:  
Michael van den  
Heuvel

8. Adjournment

# Minutes from 2015 AGM



WINTER RIVER - TRACADIE BAY  
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Supporting The Watershed,  
So It Can Support You

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	

# Report from the Chair

George Coade



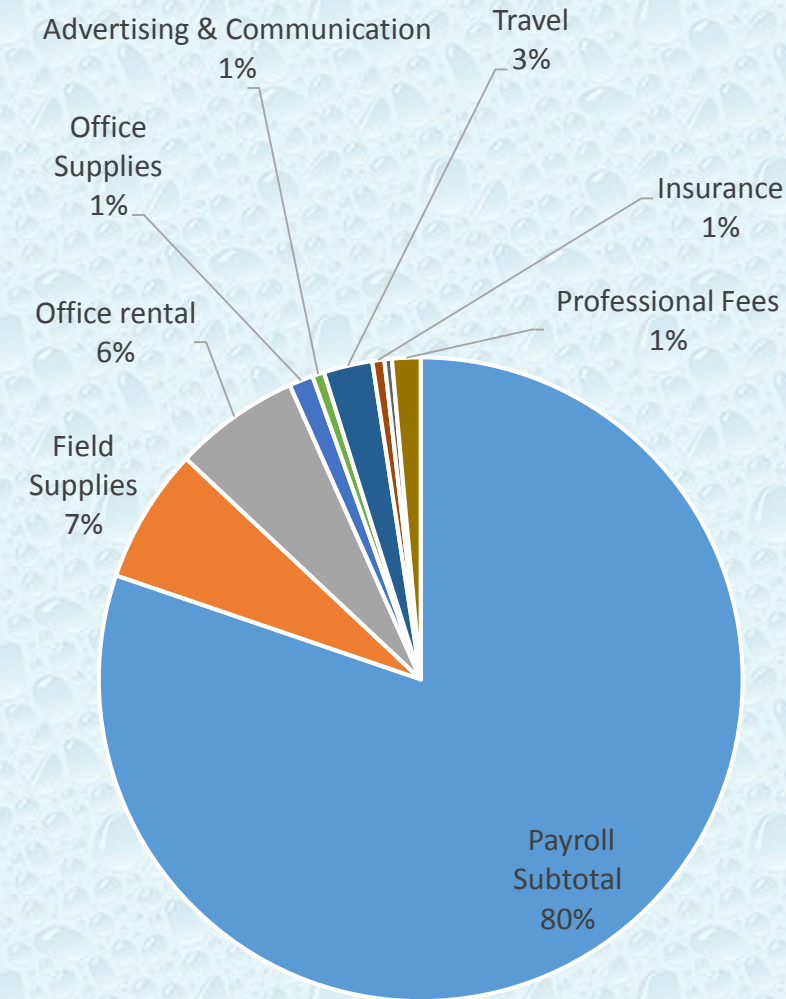
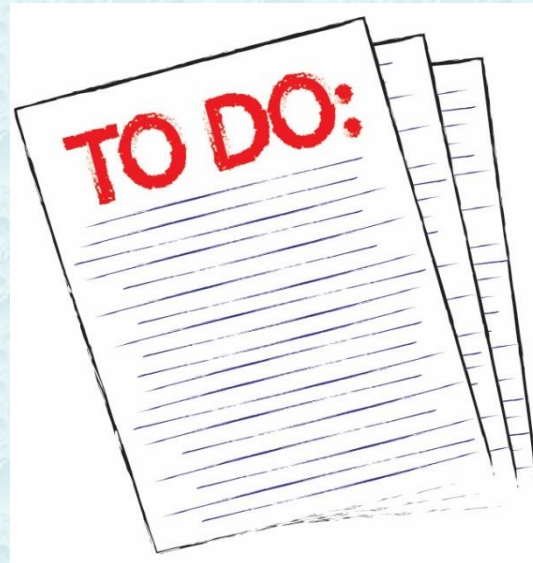
# Report from the Treasurer

Lowell Vessey

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# Report from Coordinator - Sarah Wheatley

- Field work done in 2015/16
- Plans for 2016/17
- Funding for 2016/17



# Field Work 2015/16

## Staff

- Luke Peters
- Kristina Ivkov
- Hilary Shea
- Tessa Doncaster
- Jill Poirier
- Brenton Sanford
- Gavin Toombs
- Carter McQuaid
- Ryan Snyder
- Arnaud Perron-Bouchard
- Maxime Laroche
- Andrew Fizzard
- Nathan Gillis
- Shawn Feener
- Ben MacNeill
- Lucas Sherry
- Beth Essery

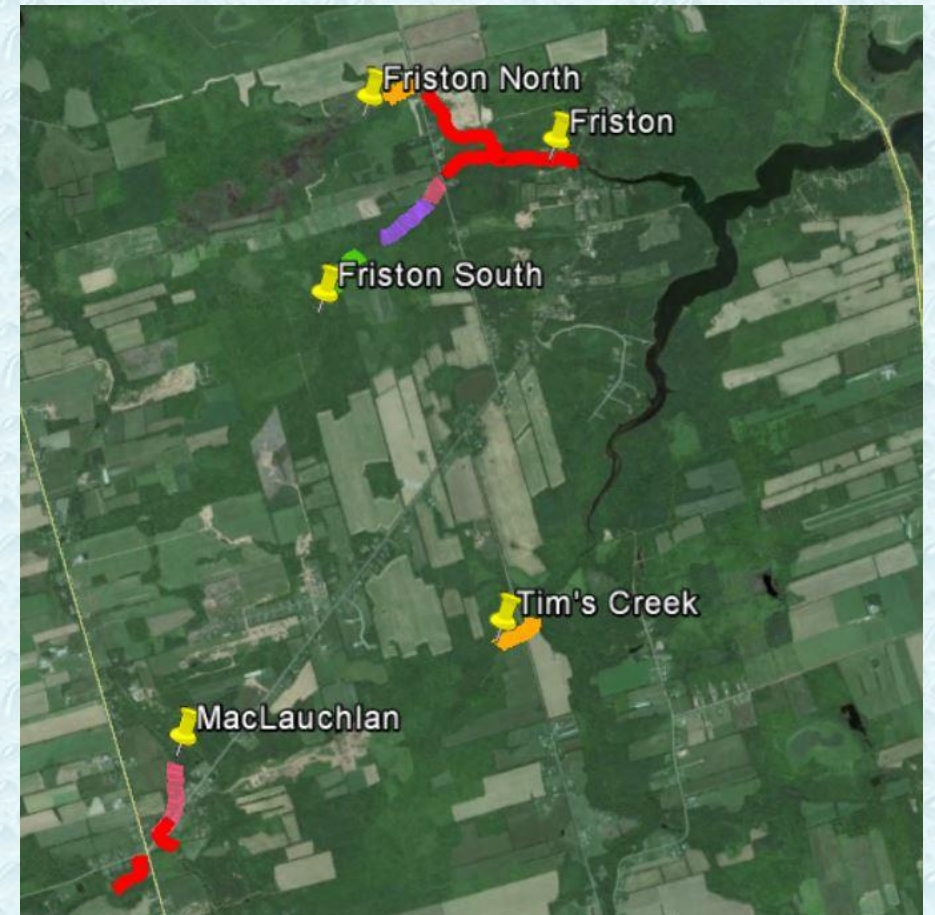


Planted approximately  
2,000 trees

# Field Work 2015/16

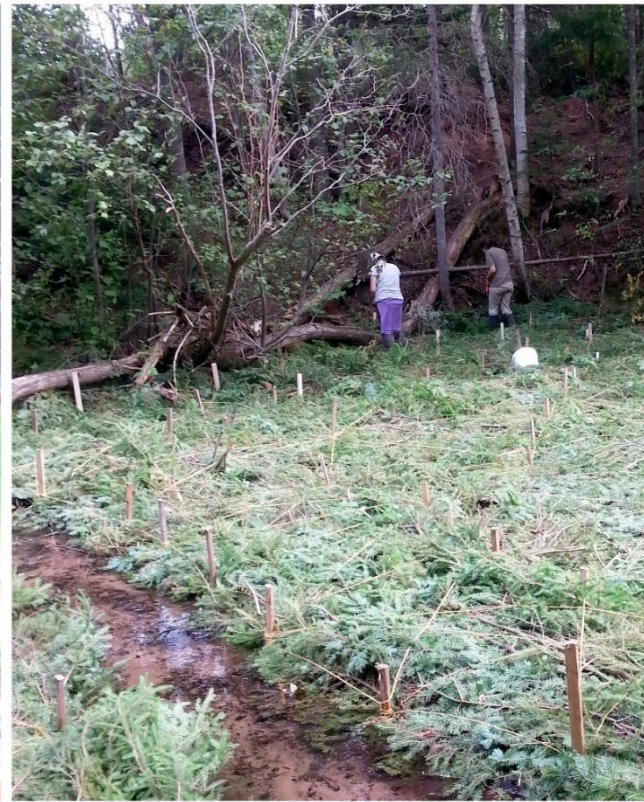
## Stream enhancement

- 6km of stream



# Field Work 2015/16

- Brush mats





# Field Work 2015/16

## Water monitoring

- Temperature loggers
- Depth loggers which are used to calculate water flow, and also measure temperature
- V-notch weirs were used to continue to monitor spring flows on a bi-weekly basis. Brackley springs had no flow between August and mid December
- Water velocity readings
- Sampling for nitrates from springs and depth logger locations monthly
- Sediment levels were assessed in late fall.



# Field Work 2015/16

## Fish trap in Officer's Pond

- 189 days of monitoring
- Total live counts:  
180 Brook Trout,  
>4000 Gaspereau,  
42 American Eel,  
4 White Perch.



# Field Work 2015/16

## Community tree planting

- Grand Tracadie
- Brackley Commons park



Our most well-known volunteer, MP Sean Casey



Our youngest volunteer, Olivia, helping Luke.

# Field Work 2015/16

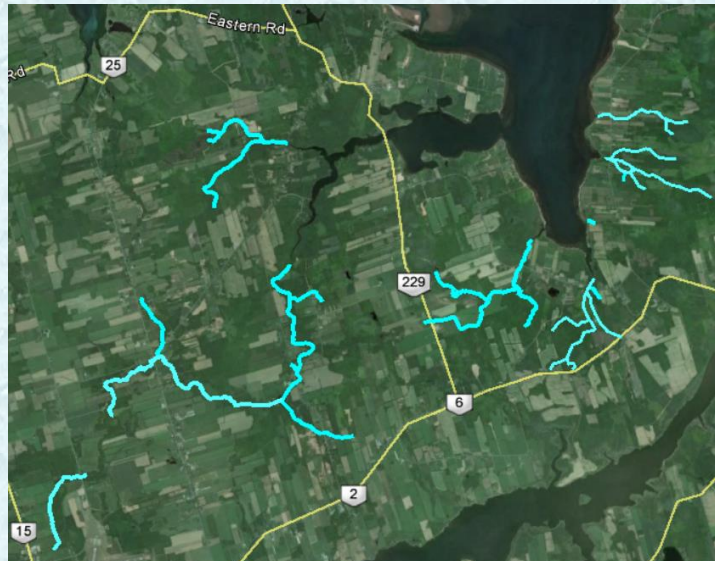
## Culvert surveys

- Can fish get through? **Yes**, **Maybe**, or **No**.



## Stream surveys

- What needs to be done in future years?



# Field Work 2015/16

## Other projects

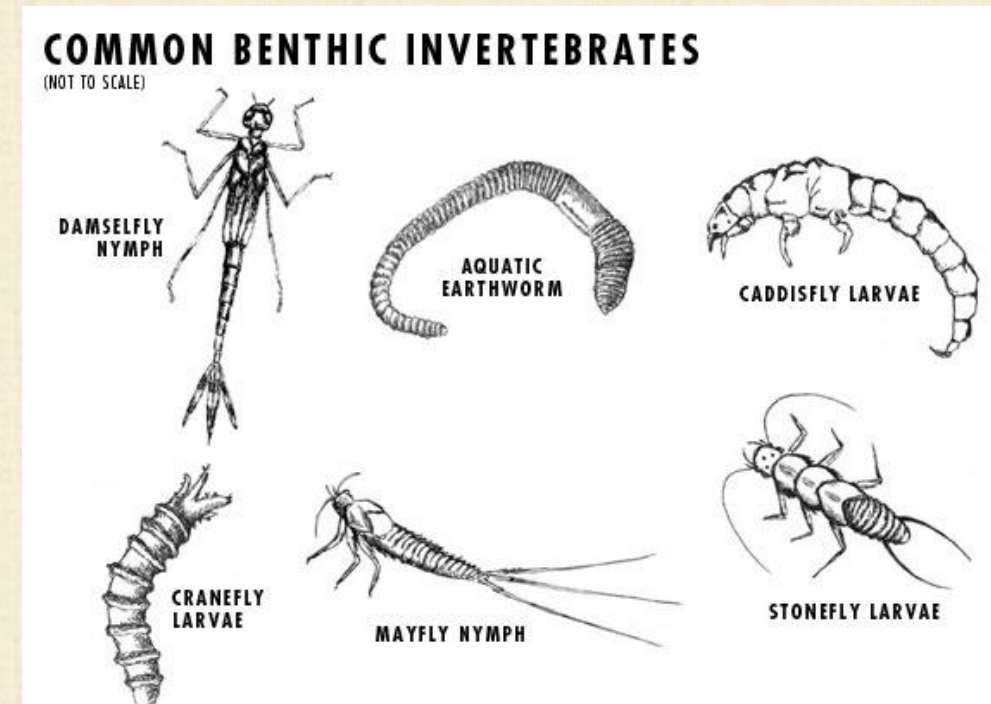
- Cover logs
- Beaver dams
- Signs



# Plans for 2016/17

## Field Work:

- Work with Department of Transportation to address problem culverts
- Pruning and maintenance of 17,000 trees.
  - Running low on suitable places to plant with permission
- Work areas identified for stream clearing
  - Exact locations will depend on landowner permission
- Continue water monitoring, with more focus on siltation.
- Establish CABIN monitoring program if funding is found
  - CABIN uses aquatic invertebrates as indicators of ecosystem health

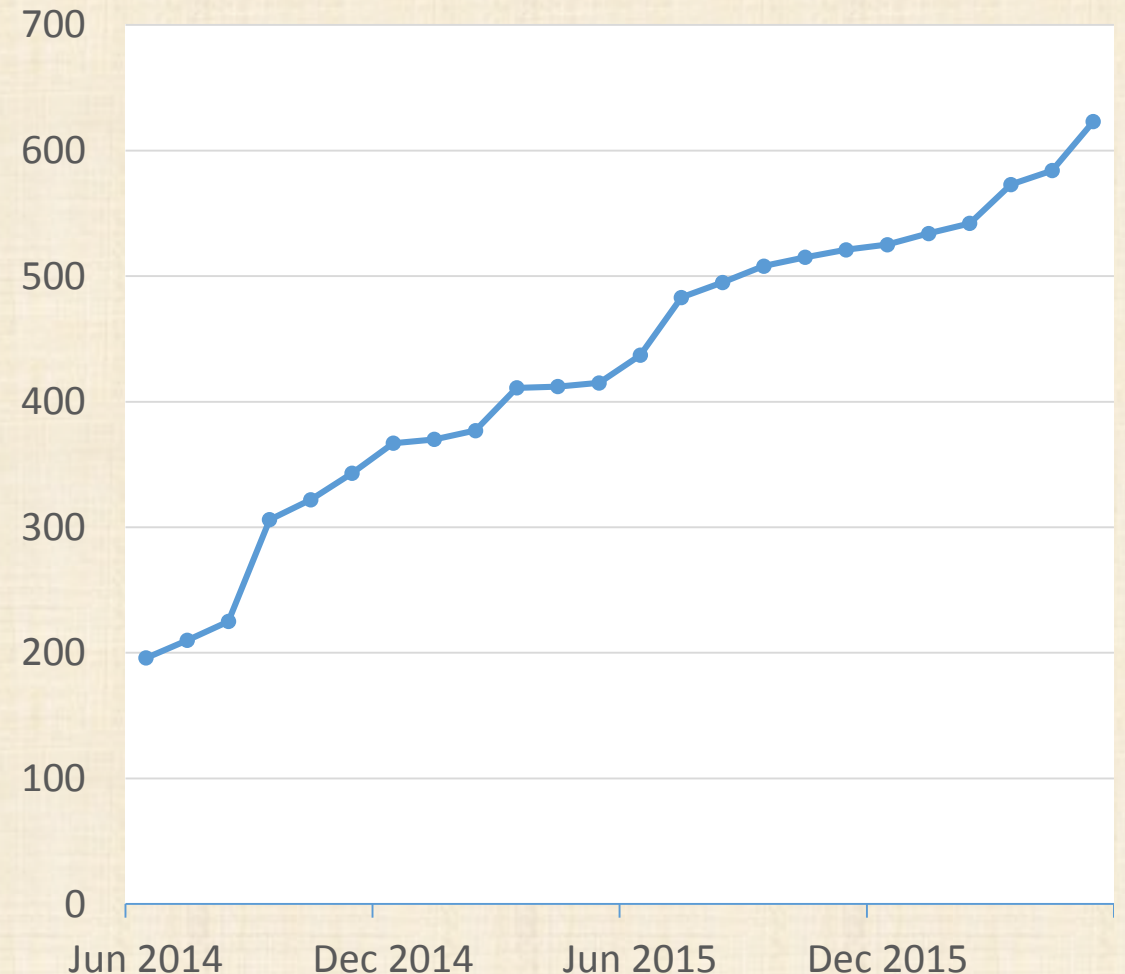


# Plans for 2016/17

## Organizational:

- More community outreach with our door-to-door campaign
  - Supporter numbers important for funding
- Hopefully receive charitable status from CRA
  - So we could issue tax receipts for donations
  - Eligible to apply for more sources of funding

**WRTBWA Community of Interest**  
(Supporters + Facebook followers)



# Budget for 2016/17

- Budget is being constructed as funding announcements come in

Approved	Pending	Rejected
Canada Summer Jobs (4 of 6 students requested)	City of Charlottetown	WWF Community Grants
Clean Tech Internship	Mountain Equipment Co-op capacity building fund	
Work Experience PEI	EcoAction	
Watershed Management Fund	Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program	
Wildlife Conservation Fund	Jobs for Youth	
	EDA Special Projects Program	
	Environmental Damages Fund	



# Budget for 2016/17

Tentative budget created, but it will be in flux until all funding is announced.

- Many funds can only be used for minimum wage salaries for students or adults needing work experience

Staff	Weeks Hired
Sarah	31
Hilary	24
Jill	25
Tessa	13
TBD	10
TBD	9
TBD	8
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Category	Subtotal
Payroll Subtotal	111,221
Field Supplies	8,000
Office rental	8400
Equipment Purchase	0
Office Supplies	1,200
Advertising & Communication	796
Travel	3,255
Insurance	800
Professional development	0
Professional Fees	1,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130,672</b>

# Board of Directors for 2016-2017

## Returning Members

- Bernie Fitzpatrick, Pleasant Grove
- George Coade, Suffolk
- Jean Paul Arsenault, Charlottetown
- John Hughes, Corran Ban
- Lowell Vessey, York
- Matt Steeves, Charlottetown
- Meghan McCarthy, Suffolk
- Scott Stevens, Charlottetown
- William Horne, Charlottetown

## New members for 2016/17

- Cathy Corrigan
  - Not really “new”, she is our previous chair, returning after a break

## Previous members from 2015/16

- David Thompson
- Ben Hoteling
- Dominic Johnston

# Other Business

## Bylaw changes:

- Section 3 – definition of membership
- Section 4 – removal of members of the board
- Section 5 – special meetings
- Section 6 – defining quorums
- Section 9 – clarify timeline for election of officers for board
- Section 10 – small updates to duties
- Section 11 - clarify what is financial statement

Small changes to pronouns throughout to be more inclusive.

# Volunteer opportunity

Elementary school field trips:

- May 30
- June 2
- June 3
- 45-75 students per day

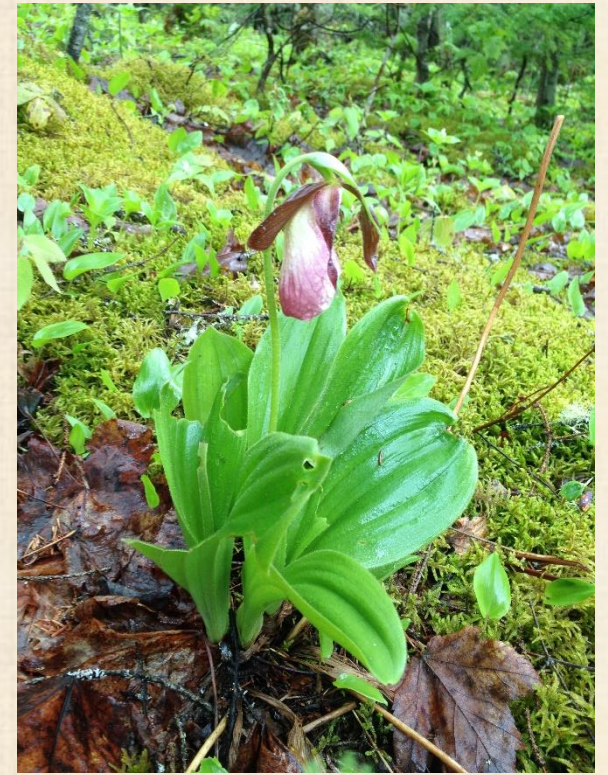
WRTBWA staff members will organize activities, but extra adult supervision of these grade 5 students would be useful.

- Helping with tree planting
- Answering questions
- Making sure nobody wanders off



# Upcoming Events

- **June 4** Our annual spring hike when we think the Lady's Slippers will be in bloom. The Winter River trail has some great areas of Lady's Slipper plants. Meet at East Suffolk Road. 10-noon.
- Door-to-door campaign – plan to continue project again this year
  - Volunteer on this project and meet your neighbours
- TBA Shoreline cleanup



# Guest Speaker

## Dr. Michael van den Heuvel

- Director, Canadian Rivers Institute
  - Department of Biology
- Department of Biomedical Sciences
- University of Prince Edward Island

“From springs to ocean: Issues for watershed management on PEI”

# Thanks for coming this evening.



Pair of spawning trout in Winter River, November 2015.  
Underwater photography by Sean Landsman.