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Meeting Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
May 23, 2017  
Corran Ban Hall  
7:00 – 9:00pm

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Meghan McCarthy, vice chair of the WRTBWA. George Coade sent his regrets that he was unable to be at the meeting. Meghan welcomed the attendees and introduced current board members in attendance. Approximately 20 people were in attendance:

Bernie Fitzpatrick	Jean-Paul Arsenault	Leonard Arbing	Orysia Dawydiak
Catherine Hughes	Jackie Olafson	Lowell Vessey	Rachael MacLeod
D. MacNeill	Joanne MacRae	Matt Steeves	Ryan Winters
Dianne Flood	John Hughes	Meghan McCarthy	Sarah Wheatley
Don Mazer	K. Scott Stevens	Noreen Hughes	Todd Dupuis

### **2. Reading of Minutes**

Bernie Fitzpatrick, secretary, read the minutes from 2016 AGM. John Hughes moved the adoption of the minutes and was seconded by Scott Stephens. Motion carried.

### **3. Chairperson's Report**

Meghan introduced the board members and presented the Chairperson's report on behalf of George Coade. She passed along George's thanks to the board members for working well together to help make this another successful year. He acknowledged the great work that coordinator, Sarah Wheatley, is doing and in her ability to coordinate the hardworking crew. Together they were able to make a significant improvement in the watershed which is 40% agriculture and 40% forest.

This year the Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association gained charitable status under the Income Tax Act.



The year was not without its challenges. It was necessary to lobby to have the grant from the City of Charlottetown restored. Also, a boundary issue arose with Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bay and we were able to have it resolved.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report– Lowell Vessey**

The Opening Balance on April 1, 2016: \$22,269                      The Closing Balance on March 31, 2017: \$20,124

Statements were prepared by BDO. The report is available by request.

Moved adoption by Lowell Vessey, seconded by J.P. Arsenault. Motion carried.

#### **5. Watershed Coordinator's report - Sarah Wheatley**

The Coordinator's Report is included as part of the minutes.

#### **6. Election of Board of Directors for 2017-2018 – Matt Steeves.**

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

Returning members:

Matt Steeves, Charlottetown	George Coade, Suffolk
John Hughes, Corran Ban	Cathy Corrigan, Blooming Point
Jean-Paul Arsenault, Charlottetown	Lowell Vessey, York
Meghan McCarthy, Suffolk	Scott Stevens, Charlottetown

New Members: Ryan Winters and Ester Currie

Moved for adoption by Matt Steeves and seconded by Don Mazer. Motion carried.

#### **7. Announcements:**

June 10: Spring Hike – Annual Lady Slipper Hike 10am-12pm

#### **8. Guest Speaker:**

Todd Dupuis, Executive Director of the Climate Change Secretariat for P.E.I. Topic: The Potential Impacts of Climate Change on the Winter River- Tracadie Bay watershed.

#### **9. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 as moved by Meghan McCarthy and seconded by Scott Stevens. A social was held followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernie Fitzpatrick