

Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association

Corran Ban Hall
April 27, 2011, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Present:

George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
John Dalziel
Rod Dempsey
Ramona Doyle
John Hughes
Vera Hughes

Allan MacCormac
Sister Wanda MacDonald
Mike Montigny
Luke Peters
Bruce Smith
Erin Taylor
Sarah Wheatley

1. Welcome

Cathy Corrigan opened the meeting by welcoming all present and reviewing the agenda.

2. Business

- a. Rod Dempsey presented the minutes of the 2010 annual general meeting for adoption. It was moved by John Hughes and seconded by Allan MacCormac to adopt the minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Cathy Corrigan presented the Chairperson's Report which included the following highlights.
 - Many improvements were made to the riparian zone and in-stream habitat due to the efforts of Bruce Smith (Coordinator), Chris Mutch (Project Supervisor), and Nicole Murtagh, Luke Peters, and Danielle Lacey (Field Workers). Three Abegweit Band wood cutters worked with the crew to remove blockages between Officer's Pond and the head of the tide.
 - Students from the Environmental Futures Program planted 800 trees between Brackley Point Road and Union Road. An additional 200 trees were planted in late summer
 - Silt traps measuring 30 meters long by 2 ½ meters wide were built on two major branches of the Winter River to capture the silt that was freed when blockages were removed. The silt traps will be excavated when full.
 - There was less concern about the temperature and oxygen content of the water above the Corran Ban bridge in the summer of 2010. This may be a result of the dredging that took place.
 - Temperature recorders placed above Officer's Pond and Hardy's Pond indicated summer water temperatures as high as 27⁰ Celsius.

- Throughout the year, the Association arranged for speakers to make public presentations within the watershed. The speakers included Jennifer Roper (enhanced environmental farm plans), Shawn Hill (alternative land use), Allie MacLennan (wetland and impoundments), Garth Simmons (graves/shale pits), and Yefang Jiang (water extraction).
- The Association was represented at a conference on riparian zones and a conference on water sustainability.
- Funding in the past year was obtained from the provincial and federal governments, Toronto Dominion Friends of the Environment, and the City of Charlottetown.
- The Association is pleased with the ongoing development of its relationship with the City of Charlottetown and the City's focus on water conservation as has been evidenced by the hiring of Ramona Doyle as Water Conservation Program Coordinator.
- Public events within the watershed have included a trail hike, shoreline clean-up, yard sale, snowshoe trek, and volunteer days (installing brush mats and installing mouse guards for trees).
- Information on the Association may be found on our website and on facebook. Also, we recently published our Spring 2011 newsletter.

It was moved by Allan MacCormac and seconded by Luke Peters to adopt the Chairperson's Report. Motion carried.

- c. George Coade presented the Treasurer's Report. The adoption of the report was moved by George and seconded by John Dalziel. Motion carried.
- d. Rod Dempsey presided over the election of Board members for the upcoming year. It was moved by Vera Hughes and seconded by Luke Peters that the following people will serve as Board members. Motion carried.

George Coade	Allan MacCormac
Cathy Corrigan	Don Mazer
John Dalziel	Darren Riggs
Rod Dempsey	Lowell Vessey
John Hughes	Sarah Wheatley

3. Presentations

Erin Taylor, Climate Change Coordinator with the P.E.I. Department of Environment, Energy & Forestry, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the probable impacts of climate change in Prince Edward Island, specific concerns occurring at the watershed level, and some of the activities being worked on by the government.

Mike Montigny, Inventory Forester with the Forests, Fish & Wildlife Division of the P.E.I. Department of Environment, Energy & Forestry, gave a PowerPoint presentation on what climate change will mean for forests on Prince Edward Island.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.