

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

Grand Tracadie School
May 4, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Present:

George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
John Dalziel
John Hughes

Allan MacCormac
Bruce Smith
Lowell Vessey
Sarah Wheatley

1. Welcome

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

2. Business

- a) Bruce will prepare an outline to guide the development of a watershed management plan. It is expected that some meetings with groups/stakeholders will begin this fall and continue over the winter/spring of 2012.
- b) It was agreed that the members of the Board should have insurance appropriate to the types of claims that others could potentially make against the Association. This topic will be discussed at the P.E.I. Watershed Alliance's AGM on May 7, which Cathy will be attending. Cathy will report back to the Association at our next meeting.
- c) If anyone is interested, there is an opening for a Watershed Alliance Board member to join other Board members representing the Central Region.
- d) A number of applications have been submitted to secure staff to work in the watershed this summer including to the P.E.I. Development Agency's Special Projects Program (to obtain 3 adults), the P.E.I. Development Agency's Jobs for Youth Program (3 youth), the Employ P.E.I. Community Internship (2 positions, each for 6 months), the P.E.I. Department of the Environment's Watershed Management Fund, and to a federal summer career placement program.
- e) It was decided that we would create a list of potential candidates to work in the watershed this summer, although, it is recognized that depending on the source of the funding, we may not be authorized to select personnel.
- f) Donna Kaizer and Cathy will organize the 2nd Annual Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association yard sale for May 21 and 22.

- g) The annual Winter River hike will be held at 11 a.m. on June 4. Ramona Doyle, the Water Conservation Program Coordinator for the City of Charlottetown, and volunteers will be planting trees at 10 a.m. in the vicinity of the Union Road pumping station and will join the hikers for lunch at the log cabin.
- h) The P.E.I. Aquaculture Alliance has invited us to participate in their Beach Clean-up Week (May 9 to 13). Cathy will work on coordinating our involvement, likely on the evening of Thursday, May 12.
- i) Coordinator Bruce Smith reported to the Board. A summary of his report is as follows.
 - Bruce would like to begin planting trees. We have some planting equipment but will ask volunteers to bring equipment as well. Bruce is making arrangements to obtain landscaping fabric to place around the base of the trees.
 - Bruce will investigate the possibility of purchasing a brush saw with a scarifying head which will be used to prepare sites for tree planting.
 - Bruce is proceeding to develop plans to drain Hardy's Pond and Officer's Pond this fall. Draining the ponds will allow the water to scour a channel and cause aquatic vegetation to dry out and die.
 - It would be nice to open up a spring in the area of the intersection of the York and Pleasant Grove Roads. This would help improve water flow, lower water temperature, and create a spawning area for fish.
- j) John Hughes reported that we paid \$250 for the use of the Grand Tracadie School over the last year (\$25 for each 2 hour meeting) and \$50 for our Annual General Meeting held at the Corran Ban Hall.
- k) Cathy and Don will now serve as Co-Chairs of the Association.
- l) The Annual General Meeting of Island Trails will be held on May 25 at the Corran Ban Hall.
- m) The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.