

Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association

Corran Ban Hall
May 24, 2012, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Patricia Bradley
George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
Diane Flood
Candy Handrahan
Ben Hoteling
Catherine Hughes
John Hughes

Noreen Hughes
Vera Hughes
Don Jardine
Don Mazer
Bruce Smith
Don Stewart
Lowell Vessey
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 2011 annual general meeting for adoption. It was moved by John Hughes and seconded by Don Mazer to adopt the minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Cathy Corrigan presented part of the Chairperson's Report which included the following highlights:
 - The Association won the Senator Archie H. Johnstone Family Tree Award (\$350) for its tree planting activities.
 - Silt traps were constructed on two major branches of the Winter River. The traps will be excavated as necessary.
 - Temperature recorders placed upstream of Officer's Pond and Hardy's Pond showed water temperatures as high as 27 °C, which is far in excess of the 20 °C or lower water temperatures preferred by trout.
 - Throughout the year, some Board members attended various workshops and seminars (e.g., Sarah Wheatley and Cathy Corrigan attended a 4-week series on developing effective volunteer organizations).
 - As part of the process for developing our watershed management plan, a public meeting was held to obtain feedback and an online survey was made available to residents of the watershed.

- Presentations were made to the Teachers' Convention, Stonepark School, Environmental Education Group, and as part of the Dialogue Series hosted by the City of Charlottetown.
- Spring and Fall newsletters were distributed.
- A logo was developed for the Association.
- The activities of the Association have continued to be updated on Facebook by Sarah Wheatley on the Association's website by Rod Dempsey.
- Events within the watershed included a trail hike/ volunteer day, shoreline cleanup, yard sale, and a snowshoe trek.

Don Mazer presented the remainder of the Chairperson's Report which included the following highlights:

- It remains important for the Association to continue to work on our relationship with the City of Charlottetown and to encourage water conservation.
- The Association will remain active in lobbying the City to develop a new wellfield (as this will reduce the extraction rate within the Winter River watershed).
- Via a letter to the Guardian, the Association has challenged the City to reduce its water consumption to sustainable levels by 2015.
- The Association would like to gain greater access to water consumption information held by the City and to formalize the funding provided by the City such that it would be maintained on an annual basis.

It was moved by Sarah Wheatley and seconded by George Coade 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 Luke Peters. Motion carried.
- d. Bruce Smith presented the Coordinator's Report which highlighted many of the river enhancement activities taking place in the watershed.
- e. Rod Dempsey presented an amendment to Section 12.1 of the Association's bylaws which currently reads "The fiscal year of the Corporation is the calendar year." It was moved by Rod and seconded by Don Mazer that Section 12.1 be amended to read "The fiscal year of the Corporation shall run from April 1 to March 31." Motion carried.

- f. Rod Dempsey presided over the election of Board members for the upcoming year. It was moved by Luke Peters and seconded by Don Mazer to accept the nomination of the following people as Board members for the upcoming year.

Jason Affleck
George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
Ben Hoteling

John Hughes
Don Mazer
Lowell Vessey
Sarah Wheatley

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

Don Jardine, of DE Jardine Consulting, gave a PowerPoint presentation on coastal change on Prince Edward Island. The presentation recognized that coastal change is not new and that climate change is already having an effect on peoples' lives. The presentation reviewed the causes of coastal change, coastal erosion rates, methods to reduce the risk of coastal erosion, and observations on the effectiveness of shoreline protection methods.

4. Watershed Management Plan Update

Bruce Smith provided an update on the watershed management plan currently in development.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.