

**Minutes**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association**

**Grand Tracadie School**  
**April 24, 2013, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Cathy Corrigan  
Rod Dempsey  
Ramona Doyle  
Ben Hoteling  
John Hughes  
Vera Hughes  
Trudy MacDonald

Frank Morrison  
Chris Mutch  
Jackie Olafson  
Lowell Vessey  
Buck Watts  
Sarah Wheatley

1. Welcome

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

2. Business

- a. Sarah Wheatley presented the minutes of the 2012 annual general meeting for adoption. It was moved by Rod Dempsey and seconded by John Hughes to adopt the minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Cathy Corrigan presented the Chairperson's Report which included the following highlights from our work over the past year:
  - The Watershed Management Plan is now finished after much consultation.
  - The "Save Some Water for Me, Please" campaign was mostly a poster and social media campaign in 2012, but hopefully in 2013 we can air the videos as commercials on CBC if we can get funding.
  - We had our annual spring hike along the Winter River trail at the time when Lady's Slipper flowers are in bloom.
  - There was fish habitat destruction last summer when 5km of streams went completely dry. This prompted our public awareness campaign involving CBC radio and television, the Guardian and social media.
  - We also gave tours to school groups and presentations in classrooms.
  - Presentations were made at the PEI Watershed Alliance meeting and Shawn Casey's Town Hall on water.
  - Future projects will involve hung culverts, riparian assessments, pushing the City for a new water source, developing a nutrient management program if funding allows and working to cleanse the land (for example derelict vehicles, open and abandoned wells).

It was moved by Rod Dempsey and seconded by Lowell Vessey to adopt the Chairperson's Report. Motion carried.

- c. Cathy Corrigan presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report. The complete audited report was not finalized by the accountants yet. The adoption of the report was moved by John and seconded by Sarah. Motion carried.
- d. Chris Mutch presented the Coordinator's Report which highlighted many of the river enhancement activities taking place in the watershed. The adoption of the report was moved by Rod and seconded by Sarah. Motion carried.
- e. Sarah Wheatley presided over the election of Board members for the upcoming year. It was moved by Rod Dempsey and seconded by Ben Hoteling to accept the nomination of the following people as Board members for the upcoming year.

Cathy Corrigan	Don Mazer
Ben Hoteling	Lowell Vessey
John Hughes	Sarah Wheatley

Motion carried.

3. Presentations

Chris Ortenburger discussed her experiences as a volunteer for a local environmental cause, in a talk titled "Building Community Through Environmental Action". Some highlights of her talk that were relevant to our work included the need to recruit people with skills and experience that are necessary for the tasks to be completed, the use of social media and its role in keeping up sustained communication of the issue to many people, and the benefits of cooperating with other environmental groups from other areas.

4. Watershed Management Plan Update

Cathy discussed the completed version of the watershed management plan and asked for it to be accepted by the group. The adoption of the document was moved by Cathy and seconded by Lowell. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.