

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

Grand Tracadie School
February 27, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Present:

Bruce Smith
Cathy Corrigan
Don Mazer

John Hughes
Lowell Vessey

1. Welcome

The meeting was convened with a majority of board members present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Review of Minutes from last board meeting

The minutes from the January 16 board meeting were read and accepted with modifications to the detailed notes from meeting with Government MLA's.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Don reviewed notes from meeting. Minister Vessey suggested a development of committee with province, City and Watershed.

4. Report from Chair/Coordinator on Meeting with Province, city and watershed

Don circulated minutes from Meeting held in January 2014. He later contacted the Minister's office and a meeting was scheduled with Jim Young, Eddie Rice, Craig Walker, Minister Robert Vessey, MLA Buck Watts, Bruce Smith, Don Mazer and Mark O'Halloran.

- It was indicated that MLAs did not push forward the spirit of cooperation among parties.
- Jim and Eddie indicated that they would look at two proposals.
- The ball is now in government's hands to pursue the formulation of future cooperative communication with above parties.
- Lowell and John will contact MLA's in regards to February 26, 2014 meeting.

5. Coordinator Activities

- A summary of activities was emailed to all board members.
- Continues to work on the charitable status application
- Continues to work on funding opportunities
- Planning public meetings (nitrate related) both farm related and non-farm related practices
- Gathering contact information for watershed residents

6. Newsletter

The status of the newsletter was reviewed. It will be distributed by the end of April if all goes as planned.

7. Snowshoe hike

A snowshoe hike in the Winter River Watershed took place on February 15. This was a joint effort with the City of Charlottetown (Ramona Doyle). As in previous years there was a great turn out, with lots of positive talk about the beauty of the river and the trail. Hot chowder, chili, chocolate milk, rolls, cookies and hot dogs greeted the crew of hikers.

8. Meetings

A majority of the Board members attended the panel on water conservation with special guest speaker Maud Barlow. There was some good discussion on the topic of water and its importance to all areas of our lives.

9. Treasurers Report

A report was delivered indicating that funds were similar to what they were at this time last year. Bruce and George will work on preparing for year end.

10. Upcoming year

- PR and door to door campaign, with support from short term contract consultant, was supported by Board members.
- Discussion of using crew to help with PR as part of their job responsibilities as opposed to working on the streamside full time was supported.
- Continued stream enhancement work

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 3, 2014 at the Grand Tracadie School 7:00-9:00

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM