

# Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association (WRTBWA)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the WRTBWA

Held on October 27, 2015 at the office of the WRTBWA at 13977 St Peters Road, Marshfield, PEI at 7:00 pm.

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**Present:** George Coade, Meghan McCarthy, John Hughes, Dominic Johnson, Bernie Fitzpatrick, Sarah Wheatley, Will Horne, Lowell Vessey,

**Regrets:** David Thompson, Matt Steeves, Scott Stevens, JP Arsenault, Ben Hoteling

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1. Meghan McCarthy was Chairperson of the meeting in the absence of George, and declared the meeting open at 7:00pm.

2. **Minutes of the meetings held on August 19, 2015.**

Draft minutes of the meeting held on August 19, 2015 had been circulated and read at the meeting with each member of the Board having an opportunity to comment. Due to the absence of a quorum the minutes were not approved at this time.

3. **Matters Arising From the Minutes:**

4. **Chairperson's Report**

George brought correspondence from:

Atlantic Salmon Foundation requesting input for individuals who would be interested in sitting on their advisory board.

Yefang Jiang a research scientist with Agriculture and Agrifoods Canada inviting us to his presentation to the public meeting for the proposed Water Act. He will speak on the topic: What do we know of the PEI aquifers and streams/systems? It is to be held at the Farm Centre on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, the same night as our Water Act presentation.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Lowell gave the financial report with the

Opening Balance \$73,000.00

Closing Balance \$ 41,000

Main revenue came from DFO Recreational Fishery Conservation Partnership Program, Jobs for Youth and EcoAction Funding.

Main expenses were office rental, wages, field supplies, equipment repairs, mileage and remittance from Receiver General and general office supplies.

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## 6. Field Committee's Report

John reported on behalf of the committee:

- He commended Sarah on her dedication to the watershed projects and her determination to see each one finished in spite of setbacks along the way. The fall was very productive with the help of two students from Holland College and the hiring of other short term staff. All the trees were planted and the pipes were removed from the old trout rearing operation on the Friston road.
- Help is on the way to handle the nuisance beavers that are blocking the flow of the streams. The Beaver Management Plan that was approved at the last meeting will be put in place and Sarah will submit to Government the plan for the removal of the beavers.
- Plans are being made for next year's projects.

## 7. External Relation Committee's Report

Prior to the meeting George submitted a letter received from the province addressing our concerns over water extraction.

## 8. Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator's report was provided in writing and is attached forming part of this minutes. An overview was presented by Sarah Wheatley, Coordinator.

- There is funding outstanding from RFCPP and EcoAction
- The Water Act Presentation to Government to be held on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The streams are being surveyed, and an assessment of the culverts are being done in preparation for what needs to happen next year and what grants may be available to cover the costs.
- Most of the work for this year has been completed
- The Wheatley family has helped check fish traps on weekends.
- All pertinent information for retention of charitable status of the association has been submitted by Sarah to George.

At this time George joined the meeting and a quorum was attained.

## 9. Communications Committee Report

Nothing to report

## 10. Any other Business

- **Meeting with the PEI Institute of Agrologists**

George, Sarah and Dominic had a very informative meeting on the topic of Nutrient Management and how we should proceed following the project that was done in previous years. It was suggested after a lengthy discussion that we should begin with knowing what crops are being grown near the streams in our watershed. There was special emphasis on the privacy of the data collected.

- **Office for the winter**

Sarah brought forward the possibility of renting the office space all winter so that all the supplies could be housed and it would be a place for meetings to be held. After considerable discussion including the financial commitment it was moved by John and seconded by Dominic that we rent the space for January, February, March and April. Motion carried.

**11. Water Act**

- Sarah showed the board our presentation for the Water Act public consultations. Will Horne will give the introduction.
- The presentation will be held at the Farm Centre on November 5, 2015.
- The presentation will be on the WRTBWA website.
- Meghan attended the presentation by John te Raa to the Water Act public input. She acknowledged the excellent work John does in the Watershed and suggested that we invite him to speak at the board meeting sometime in the future.

Following the established quorum the minutes were moved by Lowell and seconded by Dominic. Motion carried.

**12. Next Meeting**

Initially scheduled for November 17, 2015

**13. Adjournment**

It was moved by Will and the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

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Signature – George Coade, Chair of WRTBWA

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Date

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Signature – Bernie Fitzpatrick, Secretary of WRTBWA

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Date

## Winter River – Tracadie Bay Watershed Association Matters Arising From the Minutes

<b>Item code</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>June-5</b>	<b>Previous Coordinator's report</b>	Provide recommendation to board on Nitrate Report	Field Committee	Open
<b>June-6</b>	<b>Changes to By-Laws</b>	Discuss at next meeting	Board	Open
<b>Aug-1</b>	<b>Business Arising from Minutes</b>	To review the Environment Canada funding	Sarah Wheatley	Open
<b>Oct-27</b>	<b>Field Report</b>	Submit to Government Beaver Removal plan	Sarah Wheatley	open
<b>Oct-27</b>	<b>Coordinator's Report</b>	Charitable Status application	Sarah Wheatley	open
<b>Oct-27</b>	<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	Rental of office space	Sarah Wheatley	open