

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

Grand Tracadie School
May 16, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Ben Hoteling
Bruce Smith
John Hughes

Lowell Vessey
Sarah Wheatley

1. Welcome

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

2. Review of minutes from last board meeting

The minutes from the March board meeting and April AGM were read and accepted with minor corrections.

3. Business arising from minutes

Update on June conference: Registration fees for one person will be paid by the watershed alliance. Don will go as our representative. If funding is available for a second person, Cathy will attend as well.

4. Co-chair Reports

Both Cathy and Don are currently on vacation.

5. Coordinators Report

The coordinator's report will be distributed to board members soon. Some issues that were discussed:

- Presentations made to several groups.
- Met with George regarding finances.
- Updates on applications to various funding programs.
- Site visits and field work planned for the coming weeks.
- Student tree planting and field trips will take place June 3-6.
- Need to finalize a beaver management plan.

Discussed some of the possible options for hiring summer staff. We know the status of some funding applications so some student positions are finalized. However, we still don't know the status of our applications to other employment programs, some of which require the support of local MLAs. John, Lowell and Bruce plan to contact the two MLAs in the watershed in the hopes of cooperating to get more of our local students back to work in the watershed this summer. If we can meet with both MLAs together, that would be more efficient.

6. Field Work Committee

- George will continue participating on the field work committee
- The committee plans to meet next week to make definitive work plans for the coming season.

7. Executive Positions

- Do we need to specify the process for selecting members of the executive?
- We need to find someone willing to be our treasurer. The position doesn't necessarily require a finance background, but the person must have good organizational skills.

8. **Nutrient Management Project**

EcoAction has approved our application for a Nutrient Management Project. There was a discussion of several different scenarios for allocating staff members to this project. Bruce will contact EcoAction to see whether our preferred staffing plan will be permitted under their guidelines.

9. **Spring Hike and Tree Planting Day**

This event is scheduled for June 8. The tree planting will occur between 9 and 10:30 a.m. at the Union Road pumping station, and the hike will start at 11am on the Winter River trail at the end of the East Suffolk Road.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be June 20.