

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

**Corran Ban Hall**  
**April 21, 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

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**Present:**

George Coade  
Cathy Corrigan  
Cheryl Dalziel  
Rod Dempsey  
Ken Doucette  
Jan Gal

John Hughes  
Vera Hughes  
Donna Keizer  
Don Mazer  
Frank Morrison  
Luke Peters

Gary Schneider  
Bruce Smith  
Scott Stewart  
Buck Watts  
Connor Youngerman

1. Welcome

Luke Peters opened the meeting by welcoming all present and reviewing the agenda.

2. Business

- a. Rod Dempsey presented the minutes of the 2009 annual general meeting for adoption. It was moved by Frank Morrison and seconded by John Hughes to adopt the minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Cathy Corrigan presented the Chairperson's Report which included the following highlights.
  - The 2009 work season began with a river survey conducted in May by Brian Gauthier and Devon Parkman and funded by the City of Charlottetown. This was the first step in determining the general health of water and land that borders the Winter River.
  - Funding obtained from the PEI Watershed Management Fund and the Jobs for Youth Fund allowed us to hire a coordinator for 19 weeks and 2 field workers for 9 weeks. Stream enhancement activities (e.g., installing brush mats, removing blockages) were conducted over a 5.3 kilometer stretch of the upper reaches of the Winter River. The coordinator's report is available on our website.
  - In October, community meetings were held in Union, York, and Corran Ban to inform the public about the activities of the Association.
  - A nitrate testing clinic was held in Corran Ban in July.
  - A river walk was held in October and a snowshoe trek was held in February to promote awareness of the watershed.
  - Communications have begun with the City of Charlottetown's Utility/Environment Committee for the purpose of developing a continuing relationship with the City focusing on the stewardship of the watershed.

- So as to enable the continuation of work in the watershed for 2010, funding applications have been submitted to the following programs/organizations: EcoAction Community Funding Program, City of Charlottetown, PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund, PEI Watershed Management Fund, Jobs for Youth Fund, Shell Environmental Fund, and the Fish Habitat Compensation Plan (relating to dredging work done at the Corran Ban Bridge).
  - The Association has been active as a member of the newly formed PEI Watershed Alliance. The purpose of the Alliance is to represent the interests of all watershed groups in working with the province and others to protect the Island's watersheds.
- c. Don Mazer provided an update on the Association's plans for the upcoming year (2010) including the following points.
- Stream restoration activities will continue on the upper portion of the Winter River.
  - The Association will begin working on a community-based watershed management plan. The process will require input from all those with an interest in the watershed and will result in a framework of activities to address environmental issues in the watershed.
  - Work will continue in building a partnership with the City of Charlottetown.
  - The process of hiring a watershed coordinator has already been started.
  - Through the Fish Habitat Compensation Plan, it is possible that some work/projects in the watershed can be completed in partnership with the Abegweit Band in Scotchfort.
  - The recent development of a new trail in Suffolk (by Island Trails) will present an additional opportunity for public environmental awareness events.
  - It is hoped to have a river work day sometime this summer and also to sponsor a shoreline cleanup event in the fall.
- d. John Hughes presented the Treasurer's Report. The adoption of the report was moved by John Hughes and seconded by Don Mazer. Motion carried.
- e. Rod Dempsey presented the new bylaws that had been prepared by lawyer Phillip Mullally upon incorporation of the Association. Other than for changes in wording, the intent of the original 25 articles has mostly remained the same. However, an additional 13 articles have been added. The Board is comfortable with the changes and additions and rather than considering each individual change to the bylaws at the annual general meeting, the members in attendance agreed to adopt the new bylaws as a whole. It was moved by Donna Kaizer and seconded by Don Mazer to adopt the new bylaws. Motion carried.
- f. Cathy Corrigan presided over the election of Board members for the upcoming year. It was moved by Cathy Corrigan and seconded by Luke Peters that the following people will serve as Board members. Motion carried.
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| George Coade   | Donna Kaizer    |
| Cathy Corrigan | Allan MacCormac |
| John Dalziel   | Neil MacIsaac   |
| Rod Dempsey    | Don Mazer       |
| John Hughes    | Lowell Vessey   |

- g. Donna Kaizer advised that the Association will be sponsoring a yard sale on May 22 to 24. Details will follow.

3. Presentation: Restoring the Acadian Forest Along Island Waterways

Gary Schneider, Co-Chair of the Environmental Coalition of Prince Edward Island and Project Manager of the Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project, gave a PowerPoint presentation on restoring the Acadian forest. He focused on the importance of having healthy and productive riparian zones, improving biodiversity, attracting a variety of wildlife, and gaining a better understanding of forests in general. The presentation was rooted in the restoration work carried out at Macphail Woods and at other properties in the province.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.