

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

Grand Tracadie School
May 22, 2014, 7:00 – 8:40 P.M.

Present:

Bruce Smith
Cathy Corrigan
Don Mazer

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 May 1 were read and accepted.

3. Report from Chair

Cathy – the newsletters have gone out, with 30 copies left over. However, we couldn't deliver to several houses that have switched to group mailboxes, but to whom Canada Post couldn't arrange mass delivery. We need to figure out what to do in the future with these locations.

Don – attended the Island Water Symposium at UPEI on May 20, along with Bruce and volunteer John te Raa. Bruce and John had an extensive discussion afterwards with Eddie Rice.

Discussion of the proposed joint technical water monitoring committee with City, Province and WRTBWA, whether this committee is going to continue and if so, in what capacity. Bruce will contact Jim Young to pursue this.

4. Coordinator's Report

The coordinator's report was distributed to board members prior to the meeting. Some highlights that we discussed included the soil sampling that has been completed for farmers as part of the nutrient management program, preparing for summer staff, preparing for elementary school tree planting field trips, conducting a survey of current conditions in the streams and paperwork for government agencies.

5. Treasurer's Report

A draft version of our audited financial statements should be available from the accountants in time for the AGM. Discussed a budget forecast that has been prepared for the coming year and plans to better track the spending of our discretionary funds over the course of the year.

6. AGM

We spent time discussing the details of the AGM agenda, and who will be responsible for which tasks. Also discussed the introduction of our pilot water conservation program and how we will distribute the low flow shower heads and the rebates for low flow toilets.

7. Other Business

We are planning to create a new committee, tentatively called Community Outreach, and broaden the mandate of the "City" committee to include water use and water conservation.

Finalized a couple details for our upcoming events, the spring hike on June 7 at 1pm and tree planting on June 14 at 10am.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be our annual general meeting, on May 28, 2014 at the Corran Ban Hall, 7-9 p.m. At that time a meeting with the new board will be scheduled.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Don Mazer	_____ Signature	_____ Co-Chair Position with WRTBWA	_____ Date
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Sarah Wheatley	_____ Signature	_____ Secretary Position with WRTBWA	_____ Date