

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting
Thursday, June 6th, 2023
4- 6 pm via Zoom**

Board Members in Attendance: Juliana Granzoti, Sherry Pelkey, Kris Hunter, Dale McIsaac, Dawn McInnis, Jake Mackinnon

Staff Members in Attendance: Heather Laiskonis, Nathan LaCroix

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

2) Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kris Hunter, seconded by Juliana Granzoti, Passed unanimously

3) Approval of Minutes from April 6th, 2023

Moved by Sherry Pelkey and seconded by Juliana Granzoti, passed unanimously

4) Election of 2023-24 executive

- Nominations for Chairperson 2023-2024:**Dale Mcissac**
- Nominations for Vice Chair 2023-2024: **Kris Hunter**
- Nominations for Treasure 2023- 2024: **Andrew Lush**
- Nominations for Secretary 2023-2024: **Juliana Granzoti**

5) Business arising from the minutes

Discussion items:

a) Bookkeeper update

- Everything is going great with the new bookkeeper Emma Fugate from e-accounting. She has experience working with non-profits which makes the transition smooth.

b) CRA Access

- Both Dale and Andrew have been added to the Alliances CRA account.
- Heather also recommended that she be added to the account to have access.

c) Accounting levels/processes

- The Alliance will keep Bradley Handrahan and associates as the alliance's accountants to do the full audit each year.

d) Watershed successes/struggles

- Groups have been making a comeback in terms of restoration after Fiona. Mary has scheduled Fiona debris cleanup sessions for the group to assist with this.
- Due to supply shortages and budgeting, three of the 2 million projects will not be happening this year.

e) ASCF proposal for [PEIWA to lead a salmon partnership](#)

- The Wild Atlantic Salmon Partnership for PEI - proposed by ASCF Executive Director Stephen Chase - is still under discussion. It was described as both a "working group" and a "steering committee." Should it materialize, Heather offered to represent the Alliance, and Kris Hunter offered to represent the Atlantic Salmon Federation. Dale McIsaac was unsure about it but agreed that stronger salmon leadership is needed on the Island ("it's the best idea so far"). Kris described the proposal as "not perfect", citing the omission of Indigenous parties. He also suggested creating a small ad hoc group - including himself and Heather - to discuss it further with the watershed groups.

f) Bulk purchases

- Sherry was wondering if, through the alliance, purchases can be made for groups to lessen the cost of shipping and get bulk discounts.
- Bulk purchase spreadsheet to be created and shared with other watershed groups.

6) New Business

a) Vacant board positions

- There are vacant positions in the west and central region.
- Juliana and Andrew have been reaching out to individuals to fill the central vacant position.

b) Richmond is back

- Heather met with Richmond Bay, where she met with Cathay Galant and her program manager.

c) Sustain agro

- Heather, Kris and Andrew met with the principals and followed up that meeting by going to their community engagement session. They also met with JP Arsenaut and Gary Schneider, who had concerns with their source for the biomass.

d) Forestry Commission Final Report-need a vote

- Motion for PEIWA to endorse the findings in the forestry report
- Moved by Juliana and seconded by Jake
- The Board unanimously agreed to endorse the latest report from the Alliance's Forestry Subcommittee. Further details and recommendations are to come, though some uncertainties surround this. As per Kris, "an action plan is required" addressing untaxing, privatization, and ecological functions and services.

e) Special Fund Projects update

- See Executive Director Report for details

f) AGM Feedback/bylaw changes

- The bylaw document was cleaned up along with the addition of a provision about membership WMF eligibility.
- The AGM was a success and had a good turnout. The water ceremony was a good addition to the AGM; however, it needs to be shorter in the future.

g) Meeting with Minister

- Heather has reached out on behalf of the Alliance to have a meeting with Minister Myers.

7) Reports

a) Financial Update

- See the folder for an update

b) Project Manager/ED Update

- See the folder for an update

c) Equipment Manager Update

- See the folder for an update

d) Review Forward Agenda-taxes

8) Other

The meeting Adjourned at 5:17 PM