

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting Minutes Draft**  
**August 3, 2022**  
**4- 6pm via Zoom**

Google Drive Link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qxb8Cbw7wtu4qWuFMfNDpKlXm2hC7Cgl?usp=sharing>

In Attendance

**Board:** Dale MacIsaac, Sherry Pelkey, Nic Bergeon, Juliana Granzoti, Andrew Lush

**Staff:** Jolene Jackson, Charlotte Large, Rebecca Ramos, Simon Wilmot

**Regrets:** Mike Durant, Mary Finch, Kris Hunter

- **Call to Order** 4:02pm
- **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve Nic/Juliana
- **Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2021**
  - Change to Minutes
    - Correct the spelling of Michael Van Den Huevel's name.
    - Include new Bat Tech's Name - Melissa Delaney

Motion to approve as amended Nic/Andrew

- **Discussion items:**
  - **2M Fund Status Update**
    - 23 EOI's received from 15 Groups
      - A meeting was held with the Technical Review Committee (TRC) about the scoring process. The committee was provided with a score sheet and the following timeline:
        - **Aug. 15th** - initial scores to be submitted
        - **Aug. 17/18** - committee will meet to discuss scores as a unit and make any final decisions
        - **Aug. 22nd** - Final scoring package will be submitted to the steering committee
  - **Geographical allotments to groups** - response from Government (Brad Potter)
    - Mike shared the government's response via a document in the Google Drive folder. It was noted there was still no appeal process structure included.
  - **Forest Subcommittee Update**
    - Committee has had one meeting to date and a draft was provided on the purpose and outline of the committee in the folder. Members are John Lane, Juliana, Andrew with staff consultant Simon Wilmot.
    - They will report back to board on a regular basis and will be focused on information gathering, rather than taking positions. Timeline of efforts will be discussed at the next meeting at the end of August.

- **Executive Director staffing action** - status
  - Position was posted and will close on Aug 19th. Looking at a 2 week window after that to make a decision.
- **ASCF PEI Partnership Initiative** - 1 day Symposium October
  - ASCF would like to coordinate with the Alliance a one day symposium to bring together watershed groups, stakeholders, and interested parties. A working committee of Stephen Chase (ASCF), Mike Durant, Mary Finch, and Jolene Jackson has been created and the date of October 17th, at the Farm Centre has been chosen. A "Save the Date" notice will go out next week.
- **Public Outreach Key Messaging.**
  - Forest preservation would be one of the most 'position taking' points in the messaging and there are also points about how replaced forests are less bio complex leaving us vulnerable.
  - Timeline would be to begin as soon as possible. The budget comes from the current funding so this is already taken care of.

**Decision:** Messaging is approved.

- **Financial Update**
  - Still waiting to hear about permission to use some money in GIC's.
  - Credit card application process has begun. 4 cards will be issued to 4 purchasing staff. Limit tbd. Potentially \$1000 with a cumulative balance of \$4000. Assigned to Jolene, Simon, Charlotte, and Rebecca.
- **Project Manager Update**
  - Nature Smart - negotiations ongoing. Groups have submitted revised budgets.
  - HSP Salmon - first draft has been received and there is potential to revive an idea from 2020 about creating a PITT tagging database.
  - Waiting on hold backs from CRF, HSP, working with DFO
  - Sent a letter of support for Clyde River Pageant for their application to Riverworks 2
  - Climate Challenge Fund - amendment agreement has been signed
  - Riparian - few issues with App developers but Simon is working them out
  - The Invasive Species team has exceeded expectations but looking at September there will not be a full time workload so we will bet shortening the contracts to Sept 2nd.
- **Equipment Manager Update**
  - HSP Bats - June/July monitoring is complete and we have added 15 transects. Talking to people who have old wells for fall.
  - Equipment: 1 additional PH Probe was ordered. YSI's are being rented regularly.
  - Electrofisher permit was approved this month and a refresher course for previously certified persons was held July 14th
- **Watershed Ecologist Update** - Mary is on vacation
- **Review Forward Agenda**
- **Other**

- Chair succession - Mike will be looking at stepping down in the near future. Board members are asked to consider the vacant positions and changes that will need to be made.
- Meeting Adjourned: 4:48pm