

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting**  
**July 6 2022**  
**4- 6pm via Zoom**

Google Drive Link:  
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In Attendance:

**Board:** Mike Durant, Dale McIsaac, Juliana Granzoti, Andrew Lush, Sherry Pelkey, Nic Bergeron

**Regrets:** Kris Hunter

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

**Observers:** John Lane,

- 1) **Call to Order:** 4:00pm
- 2) **Approval of Agenda** - One addition to Discussion Items: Geographical Allotments
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2021** - motion to approve - Dale M/ Juliana
- 4) **Discussion items:**
  - a) **Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund** - project approved
    - i) Next step: Negotiations.  
Charlotte has a meeting with the project manager next week. There was a blanket reduction from the amount we asked for, no specific projects or elements mentioned. Charlotte will update groups as soon as possible.
  - b) **Supplemental WMF (2M Project funding)** - status
    - i) We have TRC rep for West and Central will be decided soon, East will meet.
    - ii) No EOI's have been received yet but we are expecting a good response
  - c) **Letter to the Gov. about the concerning increase of clear-cut areas in PEI**
    - i) Many groups are seeing a disturbing amount of clear cutting and wondering if it is in our mandate to raise this issue to the government.
      - The forest loss report that was shared with select groups has still not been given the go ahead for public consumption due to report review needs.
      - It is in our bylaws and mandate to take a position on this but perhaps more discussion is needed with partners from woodlot association, government, etc.
      - Proposed subcommittee to focus on forestry issues and report back to board. Volunteers: Andrew Lush, Juliana Granzoti, John Lane, Simon Wilmot (staff consultant) to investigate
      - Motion to form forestry subcommittee - Andrew/seconded Dale. Motion approved
  - d) **Provincial Tax for public parks**
    - i) Put on Forward Agenda to revisit in the fall
  - e) **Insurance Renewal** - updated equipment list and notice of cost
  - f) **Executive Director Staffing action** - status

- i) Draft job description is now available for board and staff, based on staff needs, recommendations and also a national general search.

**g) Geographical Allotments**

- i) What are the procedures in allotting land to groups; What is the appeals process?
- ii) Allotment of area to a watershed groups
  - Government set up the initial allotments of areas, most likely organic and based on community groups that were actively involved in particular watersheds
  - Disagreements between groups can be facilitated / mediated by the Alliance, but we need some guidelines from the government on what the allotment criteria / parameters are.
  - Action Item - Mike will approach the government to find out how the decision was made for reallocation of lands between 3 groups when Belfast watershed was created, and what an appeals process would look like and what role the alliance would play in that.

**5) Financial Update**

**a) PEIWA Credit Card**

- i) Request for the treasurer to look into applying for an organizational credit card so staff is not responsible for footing the bill. Staff provided feedback in favour of this.
  - Dale will look into it and get back to the board.

**b) GIC Update**

- i) Discussion with RBC about the best vehicle for us, whether its GIC or some other product has begun but there has been no response from the government as to whether this pursuit is appropriate.

**6) Updates from the Chair:**

- i) Letter of support for Living Labs was sent to the Fed. of Agriculture. Comments were sent to DFO on Fish Habitats Restoration priorities. Agri-Watershed partnership on feedback on BMP's - webinar scheduled for tomorrow.
- ii) Mike Van Den Heuvel's NSERC research project was approved. It is important that we keep an eye on it to make sure the right questions are being asked.

**7) Project Manager Update**

- i) HSP Salmon - waiting on agreement - \$6500 available to the equipment bank
- ii) Bat Tech hired
- iii) Presentation on Living Labs was well received at Saint Mary's. Charlotte spoke to about 60-70 people in academia and research who are focused on community outreach.
- iv) Social Media Posts / plan  
Question to Board: What does the board need to approve?

A- For project specific messaging the board must pre-approve the overall communication strategy and channels to be used (website, facebook, instagram, etc.) to provide updates. Updates once the communication plan has been activated do not need formal review.

**8) Equipment Manager Update**

- i) 15 groups participating in NA monitoring
- ii) YSI has been repaired
- iii) Melissa Delaney has been hired as the new Bat Tech and is doing great

**9) Watershed Ecologist Update**

- i) Provided in folder

10) Review Forward Agenda - nothing to add

**11) Other**

Andrew noted that there is a document on the process for amending watershed boundaries:

**12) Motion to adjourn: 5:51 pm**