

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 2nd, 2023,**  
**4- 6 pm via Zoom**

Board Members in Attendance: Juliana Granzoti, Andrew Lush, Nic Bergeron(late), Sherry Pelkey(late), Kris Hunter, Dale McIsaac and Dawn Mcinnis.

Staff Members in Attendance: Heather Laiskonis, Nathan LaCroix, Charlotte Large

**1) Call to Order**

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

**2) Approval of Agenda**

- Motioned by Andrew Lush and Seconded by Juliana
- Passed unanimously

**3) Approval of Minutes from January 4th, 2023**

- Motioned by Kris Hunter and seconded by Andrew Lush
- Passed Unanimously

Business arising from the minutes

**4) Discussion items:**

5) Welcome new board member from the West-Dawn McInnis!

a) **AGM speaker ideas. Please list your ideas [here with your name.](#)**

b) Budget for Wgis

- Motion for the Alliance Board to pay \$1600 dollars for support and updates on Wgis
- Motioned by Andrew Lush and Seconded by Juliana
- Passed unanimously

c) **Cancel the PEIWA post office box-\$209 a year?**

- Kris Hunter brought up the point that he thinks we should close the Souris P.O. Box; however, there *may* be a need for a post office box in Charlottetown that is easily accessible to the alliance staff.
- Motioned to close post box by Kris Hunter, Seconded by Juliana
- Passed unanimously
- Heather to research post box offices in Charlottetown

d) **Charitable Status Progress**

- This task is still In motion.
- Kris brought into question whether there is a need for the alliance to seek charitable status.

- Andrew mentioned that it makes the end-of-year reporting simpler because it takes away a lot of the business stuff that is a burden to report on.
  - Heather will continue to research and work on it as time allows-not a priority.
- e) Farm Center - Rent increase by 3% - April 1st**
- Noted
- f) Partnership with River Clyde Pageant**
- Juliana had a meeting with individuals from the River Clyde Pageant in regard to ways in which the partnership can grow and benefit both organizations. They would like to see more integration with the organizations instead of individual projects.
  - They envision a partnership that's something more sustainable instead of serious upon engagement.
  - Juliana proposed that the board work together with River Clyde Pageant as a partner for the Climate Challenge Fund, which may be ongoing in the future.
  - Andrew mentioned that he worked with the River Clyde pageant when they first started the pageant and had good and bad experiences with them.
  - Kris suggests that it would be good to have something in writing so it's really clear as to what they're really expecting of us and vice versa, what we're getting out of it, and what we're giving to it.
- g) Purchase of a tent for watershed groups**
- Andrew mentioned that due to the Canada games and weather, they aren't hosting the Winter Woodlot tours this year. The company they usually rent the heated tent from does not rent tents anymore in the winter, so he is wondering if the Alliance would like to help purchase a 17 ft long tent (\$8244 + tax) with the winter wood lot committee. This tent would be used for future watershed events and woodlot tours.
  - Heather mentioned that the Alliance does have the budget to contribute towards the tent but does not have the capacity to store such a big tent.
- h) Forward agenda items need editing.
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- i) Office needs own Wifi.**
- Heather mentioned that the farm center wifi is unstable and unreliable; some days, it works, and some days, it does not.
  - Heather, to review private WIFI options
- j) Administrative loans for groups-ie if they only receive funds for completed work-can, we loan them the funds to complete the work once an application is approved? If yes, how much and how many?
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**k) Can the Alliance act as an “administrator” for groups who pursue their own funding? le-take a small administrative fee from them to complete the grant writing?**

- Heather will use her discretion with helping groups who reach out to her for assistance in regard to applying for funding.
- Kris mentioned that when the strategic plan is finished for the alliance, it will be much clearer to see if this would be an Alliance priority.

**l) CRA signing authority-work in progress. Currently, only our accountant has access.**

- This is still a work in progress because the process of removing the old board members is a long, tedious one.

**m) ALUS partnership advisory committee-do we have a farmer to recommend?**

- They are looking for two farmers to sit on the committee to represent the environmental aspect.
- Kris brought up the point that if they would like someone with an environmental/watershed view that it should be a watershed group of the PEI watershed alliance and not a farmer.

**6) Financial Update**

- See folder for Update

**- Project Manager/ED Update**

- Motion to go forth with otter monitoring application to the province.
- Motioned by Nic and seconded by Juliana. Passed unanimously
- Motion for the Prince Edward Island Watershed Alliance to be the conduit for particular funding for Ross Dwyer and his group.
- Moved by Juliana Granzoti and seconded by Dawn
- Opposed -Dale Mclsaac, Andrew Lush, Nic Bergeron, Sherry Pelkey and Kris Hunter
- In Favour -Juliana Granzoti,
- Motion defeated

**- Equipment Manager Update**

- See the folder for an update

**- Review Forward Agenda**

- See the folder for an update

**7) Other**

***The meeting Adjourned at 5:55 PM***