

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 13th, 2023**  
**4- 6 pm via Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance: Sherry Pelkey, Kris Hunter, Dawn McInnis, Jake Mackinnon, Andrew Lush**

**Staff Members in Attendance: Heather Laiskonis**

**Observers: Virginia Everett, John Lane, Lawrence Millar, Jordan Condon**

1. **Call to Order**-Meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm
2. **2) Approval of Agenda-Agenda** approved by Sherry Pelkey, seconded by Andrew Lush
3. **3) Approval of Minutes from June 6th, 2023**-Minutes approved Andrew Lush, seconded by Jake Mackinnon
4. **4) Business arising from the minutes**

**Discussion items:**

- a) **Invitation to PEIFA Engagement Session**
  - i) Heather and Andrew will be at the August 30<sup>th</sup> session and will report back.
- b) **Salmon Committee-we have the okay to represent the groups.**
  - i) We will be reaching out to: MCPEI, ACS, DFO, the Province and Anglers in the coming weeks to start the committee.
- c) **Old Mill Ponds: increase public understanding of the negative effects of these dams on fish habitat, address misconceptions about the fishing opportunities they provide. Flyers on opening day, social media, consultation for Hay River, SAB newsletter, community meetings, seek out ambassadors to communicate to the angling community.**
  - i) Heather to possibly develop resources/presentations.
- d) **Find or develop best management practices for stream crossing design relevant to PEI**
- e) **Gather information on water discharge and whether this is exacerbating fish passage**
  - i) It was agreed that the Watershed Alliance should start compiling the necessary toolkit to address the above issues to distribute to the groups. Things to be addressed are developing PEI specific resources for education, BMPS, and locating existing data.
- f) **Vacant Board positions-**
  - i) Andrew nominated Virginia Everett to represent the Central Groups, Dawn seconded. No objections-Virginia is our newest board member. Heather will send her onboarding board documents.
  - ii) West is still vacant one position.

- iii) Jake will be leaving his position at SAB at the end of the season-no one had objections for him continuing his role as a representative of the East.
- g) **Meeting with Steven Myers, August 8<sup>th</sup>**
- h) **Bookkeeper update**-taking longer than expected-keeping our files in sage for past years-will update QuickBooks with 2023.
- i) **CRA-Heather, Dale, and Andrew have access. Andrew and Dale are the only people who can add and remove previous members, suggest they do this.**
  - i) Andrew will delete past members.
- j) **Contractor protocol**
  - i) Heather will confirm that the parties who complained about the contractor in question will be consulted prior to informing the contractor and their organization why they will not be continuing with their services.
- k) **Climate change documentary-we have been asked to speak on the living shorelines**-No objections-will keep everyone updated.
- l) **Data Steering Committee**-Heather requests help in organizing-Andrew Sherry, Kris and Heather will start the subcommittee to get the ball rolling.

## 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-no changes

## 8) Other

The meeting Adjourned at 5:15 PM Motion by Kris Hunter, seconded by Jake MacKinnon