

**PEI Watershed Alliance Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday April 30th,2024**  
**2:15- 4:15 In person/Zoom**

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

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

**Observers: John Lane, Lawrence Millar**

**1) Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 2:23 PM

**2) Approval of Agenda**

- Motioned by Jake MacKinnon, seconded by Sherry Pelkey.
- Passed Unanimously

**3) Approval of Minutes from March 14th, 2024**

- Motioned by Jake MacKinnon and Seconded by Dawn McInnis
- Passed Unanimously

**Election of Officers for 2024-25**

- **Chair** - Dale McIsaac
- **Vice Chair**- Kris Hunter
- **Treasure** - Andrew Lush (Representing Hunter Clyde's Watershed Group)
- **Secretary** - Juliana Fernandes\* (To be confirmed by Dale MacIsaac)
- Motion that Dale McIsaac is Chair, Kris Hunter is Vice Chair, Andrew Lush is Treasurer, and Juliana Fernandes is Secretary\*.
- Moved by Sherry Pelkey, Seconded by Jake MacKinnon
- Passed Unanimously

**4) Business arising from the minutes**

**a. Securing future WMF funding increases**

- Dale sent a message to Minister Myers requesting a meeting; however, there has been no response from his office.
- Motion that the board secure a minimum cost of living increase each year for the WMF
- Seconded by Sherry Pelkey
- Passed unanimously
- *Members of the WMF Funding Formula Committee - Andrew Lush, Dawn McInnis, Sarah Wheatly, Lawrence Millar, Fred Chevery, Jordan Codon*

**b. John Andrews Center**

- The PEIWA, Abegweit Conservation Center and Holland College are partnering with the John Andrews Center.

- Heather asked for free office space for the PEIWA as part of the deal, which will be taken into consideration.

5) Discussion items:

**a) Salmon symposium**

- The symposium will be held October 24th - 25th in Moncton.
- Motion to cover Heather's registration and travel expenses for the Salmon Symposium
- Moved by Dawn McInnis, seconded by Andrew Lush
- Passed Unanimously

**b) HR Changes**

- Request that staff have one year to use all banked hours.
- Request to offer staff five sick days
- Moved to in-camera session

**c) Community Sector Network of PEI**

- This non-profit wants to know if the PEIWA wants to join as a member for \$100 a year.
- Kris recommended that someone from the Alliance sit as an observer in one of the community sector network meetings to get a better understanding of what they are about and what they have to offer the PEIWA.

**d) \$10k GIC for AWP Bio Reactor Project Sunsetting**

- There is a current bioreactor project that has a shelf life of 10 years. The AWP has asked the alliance to set aside \$10,000 in a GIC for when the bioreactor needs to be excavated.
- Kris Hunter brought up the point that funds like these should be held in a public trust in case of liability.
- Dale recommended that the PEIWA consult with RBC associates to see how the money should be invested or whether we should take responsibility on.

e) [Global Sustainable Island Summit](#) May 21-23, 2024

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**f) August off**

- No Board meeting will be held in August.

**g) Off Island Collaboration**

- Eco Atlantic Group is seeking a signature from the PEIWA for a letter regarding a moratorium for seabed mining.
- Dale recommended that the alliance respond to the group by saying there wasn't enough information this time to sign on. Still, we would like to be kept informed of other opportunities to support their initiatives.

## 6) 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) 2BT Coordinator Update**
  - See the folder for an update
- e) Review Forward Agenda**
  - See the folder for an update
- f) Other

In-camera session for discussion