

ARA – Meeting Minutes

2019-12-08

Present: Dave MacNeil, Sandy Macleod, Charles MacInnis, Nick MacInnis, Kris Hunter, Tim Handforth, Leo Callahan

Order of discussion

1) Habitat Restoration - A section of the South River just above the old Trans Canada Highway bridge was armour rocked for bank stabilization. Significant tree planting was also carried out. Thanks to all for their time and effort.

Another restoration was completed on a section of the Pomquet River, specifically aimed at forming a buffer zone of thirty meters on both sides of the river.

Joint application for the Legacy fund not accepted.

In September, NSSA received money with new terms and conditions.

The ARA has significant funds earmarked for watershed and in-stream restoration.

2) Regulation Change - ARA was represented at the RFAC in November. It was proposed by Matt Dort, with ARA endorsement, that Beaver Meadow, on the Beaver River system, be designated as a fly fishing only. The proposal is under consideration and we anticipate significant feedback and future discussion.

3) Brood stock Collection- The program was again successful in 2019 with many thanks to Gerry Doucet for his hard work and enthusiasm. Future brood stock collection will be done "in season only" and will terminate on the West River after 2020.

4) Membership Officer- Should we hire someone or look for a good volunteer to set up a data base, look after email, annual requests, etc.? Let's think about it and discuss at the next meeting.

5) Presentation by Kris Hunter- Kris outlined his role and that of the ASF in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. His presentation can be found in full in the ARA newsletter.

6) Fly Tying- Dave is willing to conduct another course this winter. The Maritime Inn is under new ownership and our contact Harry, has retired. Dave is trying to acquire a room at the local school but still waiting on bureaucracy.

7) New President - Tim Handforth has accepted the position of president of the ARA! Congratulations Tim and best wishes for success. We all look forward to working with you. Sincere thanks from all ARA members to outgoing president Nick MacInnis for his hard work, guidance and dedication. 🙌

The next meeting of the ARA is scheduled for January 21, 2020. All members are encouraged to attend, if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 19:40 .