

Antigonish Rivers Association meeting, January 26, 2020

Members Present: Tim Handforth, Darryl Murrant, Jim Larekos, Ken MacAulay, Dave MacNeil, Don Wescott, Mark Dort, Charles MacInnis, Sandy MacLeod, Steve Thibodeau, Leo Callahan, Malorie Crispo

1) Meeting opened and agenda approved at 18:05

2) Minutes from previous meeting approved

3) Presidents report:

- . No report from new president at this time

4) Treasurers report:

- . \$23,760.45 in account

- . Some of that money may need to be matched

- . There are still some bills to come in

"Note:" Nick forwarded an expense report on January 31st via email to all members. \$24,000 restoration was completed with only \$1,900 in cash used. Excellent leveraging, good work Nick!

5) Activities report:

- . Salmon dinner set for October 17th, 2020. Same venue confirmed.

- . Activities from 2018, casting, river tour, tent setup, and barbecue were

- . successful and should be considered for 2020.

- . Our relationship with SMRA re:/ contribution and revenue sharing, still a topic

- . open for discussion.

- . Tim, Jim, and Gerry will be setting up a meeting for further discussion on these

- . topics. Tim will be announcing a time and date, all members welcome to attend.

6) Fishing Derby:

- . Saturday, February 15th, weather dependant.

- . Sunday 16th alternate

- . Darryl Murrant will handle promotions and ice drilling

- . Dave still has prizes from our last Derby but adult prizes are needed.

- . Ken motioned \$250 Dollars be allotted to Dave for prize purchases,

- . motion approved by Tim.

7) River Projects/ brood collection:

- . Steve reported we have about 25,000 eggs, doing well.

- . Anticipate a spill of 50/50, par and fry.

- . We had a very good grilse return in early October, a good sign for us.

8) Fly tying:

- . Being held at Antigonish Regional this year, cafeteria upstairs.

- . Sessions are Sundays at 6pm.

- . Enter by the main entrance, turn right, up the stairs.

9) Newsletter:

- . Many thanks to Dave for an excellent effort and to all those who contributed.

10) New Business:

- . We will be sending a letter of support to SMRA opposing the Atlantic Gold
- . proposed mining activities overlapping the Archibald Lake Wilderness area.
- . Approval of this mining proposal would be devastating to the St. Mary's River.

11) Proposed Oyster Farm:

- . It might be of interest to some ARA members to attend the next public meeting.

12) Brierly Brook accessibility:

- . Two possible sites to consider, one behind the High School and possibly behind
- . Teresa MacIsaac's property.
- . How do we get road construction money required for the project ?
- . Charlie will talk to DFO regarding monies available.

13) Other:

- . The fish ladder condition at Fraser's Mills dam was discussed.
- . Darryl believes the outward appearance a bit deceiving and that the ladder
- . functions quite well. Aesthetics could use some improvements.

14) Meeting was adjourned at 19:15