

## ARA - Meeting Minutes

2021-01-10

Attending: Sandy Horne, Don Wescott, Darryl Murrant, Tim Handforth, Dave MacNeil, Ken MacAulay, Gerry Doucet, Denis Doiron, Sandy MacLeod , Leo Callahan.

Regrets from: Mark Dort, Jim Larekos, Malorie Crispo, Nicholas MacInnis

- 1) Meeting opened at 16:00 by Tim
- 2) Approval of agenda motioned by Dave, seconded by Ken
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting adopted by Ken, seconded by Dave

### 4) Presidents Report

- .ARA will revise its letter to DFO regarding SARA
- . Mike Crosby, NSSA president has composed a very comprehensive letter on the SARA topic, and Gerry has forwarded a copy to ARA for our perusal.
- . We are expecting input from ASF in the very near future.
- . Everyone is encouraged to respond to DFO on a personal level, correspond with your local MP office, etc. Every little bit counts. We can all write letters.

.NSSA has gone to free membership and has had a substantial increase to 700 members, and hoping to increase to 1,500.

- . They are also planning a monthly newsletter and considering regional representation.

### 5) Treasurers report

- . As emailed to ARA members on 10/01/21

### 6) Activities Reports

- . Salmon dinner - not certain yet due to Covid restrictions.
- . In any event, committee won't start before June
- . Bear in mind that some of our usual sponsors may be strapped due to Covid
- . and may not be able to contribute as usual.
  
- . 2021 fund raising - hoping to have an on line auction beginning hopefully
- . by February 1st. Duration of two weeks maximum .
- . Daniel Doiron will be helping with the setup, straight forward auction fashion.
- . E-transfer the preferable method of payment, cash as well.
- . Pics of auction items can be forwarded to Dan.
- . We will introduce high and low priced items so as to accommodate all bidders.
- . Approximately ten items have so far been identified for auction, Jim and Chris
- . will be working on obtaining more.

February fishing derby will not be held this year.

#### River Projects/ brood stock collection

- . We're up to date on river projects
- . Darryl says salmon eggs are doing nicely.

#### On line update

- . Gerry has agreed to speak to James and start initiative.
- . We could possibly marry with our on line auction.
- . Dave has agreed to help Gerry with the project.
- . Maybe we should consider hiring James on a yearly basis to do a couple
- . of updates throughout the year?

#### Fly tying

- . Still no firm decision

#### Newsletter

- . Excellent job Dave, thanks from everyone. You even inspired NSSA!

#### 7) Membership drive/ lifetime membership

- . Jim Larekos is in charge of compiling criteria

#### Accessibility-Cameron Lake

- . Tim has offered to consult a contractor for cost estimates.
- . The cost should be covered by the county and the province.
- . This project probably won't happen until next year as the monies have to be disbursed by March 15th.

#### Letters to DFO regarding SARA

- . Discussed earlier

#### March AGM

- . Actual or virtual depending on restrictions.

#### 8) Other

- . Dave looking into zoom speaking engagement with Bob Clouser.
- . More on that later depending on expressions of interest.

#### Charitable status

- . Topic warrants further discussion , weighing of pros and cons.

#### Berkeley -clearyourgear.ca program

- . They provide receptacles for discarded fishing line
- . Receptacles are provide free of charge and return shipping paid for.
- . All present agreed it would be an excellent idea for ARA to obtain
- . several receptacles, Tim will look after it.

#### 9) Next meeting dates

.Next regular meeting February 21 at 16:00

. March AGM on 21st at 14:00, actual or virtual depending on restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 17:24 AST