

## ARA - Meeting Minutes

2021-02-21

In Attendance: Gerry Doucet, Tim Handforth, Daniel Muise, Sandy Horne, Dave MacNeil, Mark Dort, Sandy MacLeod, Don Wescott, KenMacAulay, Leo Callahan

- 1) Call to Order at 16:00
- 2) Approval of agenda -MotionEd by Dave MacNeil, approved by KenMacAulay
- 3) Minutes from previous meeting approved
- 4) Presidents report:
  - NSSA contact for ARA will be Daniel Muise
  - NSSA trying to be more aware of affiliate operations.
  - We will be forwarding our presidents report from Xmas
  - Mike Crosby from NSSA would like to see regional representation

Canada Nature Fund Gulf Priority Rivers Project for the West and South received copy of three year agreement for NSSA.

Allison has been doing a lot of work on South River data and plans to do a zoom Presentation following our AGM in March.  
She has applied for student summer grant.

ARA will be forwarding a letter of support for new protected areas and the status of Archibald Lake

- 5) Treasurers report: as emailed this past week. Submitted by Sandy MacLeod, approved by Dave MacNeil
- 6) Activities report:
  - Salmon dinner will depend on Covid limitations
  - We will hopefully have a decision by July and have further discussion as appropriate.
  - River projects/ broodstock:
    - a) Funding for summer work should include \$10,000. from Antigonish town. Hopefully the county will support us as well.
    - Adopt a Stream \$15,000 available
    - We are also hoping to get money from Highways
    - Gerry will check on salmon eggs this week
  - b) On line updates:
    - New web site progressing
    - Note a cost of \$3250, all in, payable over time

Site will be operational , hopefully, by April 1st  
Web site will be secure

c) Auction:

Meetings have been held  
Probably first two weeks of March on line.

d) Fly Tying

Monday's at 6:00 pm, A.H. Roy building, 225 Main Street  
Group of ten only

. e) Newsletter:

On hold until fall update

7) New Business

a) \$300 for a lifetime membership. We should consider honorary memberships as well. Further discussion on criteria later.  
Possibly a draw at dinner for membership.

b) Accessibility Cameron Lake — Tim working on that

c) Letter to DFO with regards to species at risk has been sent.  
All members are strongly encouraged to send letters of concern on an individual basis, to DFO and your local MIA. Every little bit counts.

d) March AGM will be on March 21 via Zoom.

Two year executive terms are up and will be renewed or newly selected  
Allison will be giving a presentation on her work following the AGM via a new zoom,  
Details to follow.

e) Berkeley clearyourgear.ca program

They provide receptacles for discarded fishing line  
They have been contacted, awaiting response

8) Next Meeting :

AGM on March 21st will be a zoom meeting at 2 pm.  
Tim will forward details.

Motion to adjourn by Gerry Doucet , seconded by Dave MacNeil. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.