

ARA Meeting Minutes

2021-11-21

Present: Don Westcott, Sandy Horne, Tim Handforth, Sandy MacLeod, Ken MacAulay, Mark Dort, Gerry Doucet, Neil Houlding, Robert Chiasson, Dave MacNeil, Leo Callahan

1) Call to order- Tim Handforth at 13:00

2) Approval of agenda- motioned by Ken MacAulay, seconded by Dave MacNeil

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting- motioned by Sandy Horne, seconded by Ken MacAulay

4) Presidents Report:

- 2021 busy for ARA, one full time employee, two interns for summer/fall, and four students.
- Allison is working on several grants and funding sources for 2022
- \$50k coming from NSSA for work on the South River, \$30k previously spent on our last two rocking and planting projects.
- ARA received \$10k from the town of Antigonish for work on the James River.
- This was year two of a three-year agreement for ongoing work.
- ARA also received \$4k from the Federal Government to help cover wages.
- 5.5km restoration completed on the upper Brierly with funding coming from twinning of the highway
- NSSA will be providing ARA with \$22k for the River Coordinator position in 2022

5) Treasurers Report - needed some corrections and later posted on line

6) Activities Report

- Salmon Dinner - October 15, 2022 hopefully.
- February fishing derby/ Family Day Weekend - February 19/22, weather and Covid permitting.
- Brood Stock Collection- quite successful, all stock acquired by seining.
 - Estimate we will have 30-40000 eggs.
 - One of our stocks was a clipped fin fish. Scale samples taken for analysis
 - Reminder, if possible, try to get a number off any tagged fish angled
 - This was the last year for brood stock collection on the West River.
 - We will be having conversations regarding a program starting on the South River
- Al Mc Neil stepping down as Director of Inland Fisheries, Nova Scotia.
- Gerry suggested we invite Jason Leblanc to one of our meetings to better align ourselves.

- On line updates
 - Completed last spring, Allison keeping this up to date
 - Fly tying
 - Dave hoping to start sessions early in the new year.
 - Schedule and venue at a later date
 - Christmas Newsletter/ cards
 - Dave working on the letter
 - Leo and Dave will send out cards
 - Our web address will be added to cards this year
 - Cameron Lake
 - Dock has been purchased
 - We have \$40k to complete the project
 - We're still waiting for the Nova Scotia legislator to approve the "change in use" application for Cameron Lake.
 - Berkeley Clear Your Gear
 - The units have been well used and to be cleared shortly
 - We should try to obtain more units as there are numerous wharves and other sites that could benefit having a unit in place.
- 7) New Business
- Membership drive
 - Central repository suggested
 - Check with NSSA (Brent Locke) regarding such and storage of information
 - Move to investigate repository and security- moved by Don Wescott, seconded by Gerry Doucet
 - Moved by Don Wescott to drop PayPal for membership payment, seconded by Gerry Doucet
 - January 1st will now be the date for membership renewal.
 - Allison will send a notice to members.
- 8) Next Meeting- January 9th, 2022.

Motion to adjourn by Gerry Doucet, Seconded by Leo Callahan. Meeting adjourned at 14:23.