

# ARA Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2022

Present: Tim Handforth, Ken MacAulay, Dave MacNeil, Jim Larekos, Sandy MacLeod, Daniel Muise, Brent Locke, Molly Leblanc, Leo Callahan

1) Meeting opened at 13:00

2) Motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting made by Ken MacAulay, seconded by Sandy MacLeod

3) President's report:

- Hard copy of Cameron Lake agreement received
  - Inland Fisheries to be advised and consulted on the project
- Bruce Wheaton replacing Allison while she's on maternity leave, transition complete
- On line auction going well, attained 53% of goal, items still coming in
- The liability insurance for the executive has been paid for 2022. (\$910)
- Insurance for Cameron Lake Project being looked at, no decision on provider yet

4) Treasurers Report

- Has been sent out to all
- Discussed as being satisfactory

5) River Projects

- NSSA/DFO Priority River Projects, \$90,000 to be split between the West and South
- \$15,000 from Adopt a Stream
- Application has been made to the Atlantic Salmon Conservation for \$20,000 but have not heard back at this time, expect to hear by the end of April at the latest
- We have applied to the Habitat Stewardship fund for \$40,000 per annum for a period of three years. We do not expect a decision until post Federal budget

6) Activities

- Salmon dinner will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Venue is secured, Dinner committee shall convene as appropriate
- Auction- as mentioned above

## 7) New Business

- Suggested membership formats still under review
  - Don Wescott will forward suggested formats to us and a decision will be made at the next meeting
  - Popular consensus is that free membership would greatly increase our numbers and give us more clout in the political arena
  - The pros and cons of becoming a charitable organization were discussed but no conclusion reached at this time.
  - The amount of work required for the amount of money saved at this point is questionable

Daniel Muise, chair of the affiliate committee for NSSA, gave an informative presentation on the relationship between the ASF, NSSA and affiliates. NSSA is working on transitioning to a new President. Brent Locke is acting interim and spoke briefly, suggesting that with the amount of money ARA is handling, an executive director and a bookkeeper might be positive options. ARA was complimented for being an excellent affiliate.

Chris noted that he would be sending out an invitation to the board members for a social gathering at his West River residence some time in April.

Thanks to Molly Leblanc for attending via zoom and we hope to see her in person at our next meeting. Young blood always welcome.

Next meeting to be held on April 6, 2022. Tim will forward further details.

Meeting adjourned at 14:20