

Present: Dave MacNeil, Charlie MacInnis, Nicholas MacInnis, Sandy MacLeod, Don Wescott, Darryl Murrant, Jim Larekos, Bruce Wheadon, Sandy Horn, Gerry Doucet

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> . Meeting called by president Tim Handforth at 13:08

> Minutes from last meeting- approved for adoption by Jim Larekos, approved by Nick MacInnis

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> 1) Presidents report:

> . Cameron Lake Project on schedule

> . \$ 37,000 dollars spent so far

> . Structure returned to Dartmouth for modifications, in the works

> . Bruce Wheaton introduced as Allison Whites replacement while she is on maternity

> . leave

> . Gulf Priority River Project with NSSA moving ahead this summer (\$22k)

> . Final year for upper James River Project (\$10k)

> . Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation for the Pinevale Brook Aquatic Restoration

> . and monitoring project (\$18k) 50% of which has been invoiced as requested, invoice

> .passed to Nick, other invoices as we proceed

> . Restoration on South and West Rivers

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> 2) Treasurers Report:

> . Move to adopt Treasurers Report by Jim Larekos, seconded by Nick MacInnis

> . Report brought forward as required by AGM. Nothing has changed in Report

> . as was presented at last meeting

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> 3) Activities Report:

> . Salmon Dinner on October 1st

> . Venue is secured, most likely an increase in ticket prices

> . That and other issues to be discussed in August when dinner committee is formed

> . On line auction very successful , revenue exceeded expectations

- > . AH Roy very helpful to the cause and a thank you note suggested
- > . Special thanks to Dave MacNeil for all the hard work, much appreciated
- > . Hopefully fishing derby - Family Day weekend will go ahead in 2023
- > . Brood stock collection will most likely be in South this year, request usually goes in
- > . around May 1st
- > . Web updates being done by Bruce Wheaton
- > . Fly tying hopefully again this year
- > . Cameron Lake as mentioned above in Presidents Report
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- > 4) New Business
- > . Membership resolutions as outlined presented
- > . Move to adopt by Don Wescott, approved by Sandy MacLeod
- > . We have agreement
- > . Our by laws should probably be cleaned up to better reflect the way we operate
- > . Tim will work on that and obtain legal council as required, probably run it by the Registry of Trust.
- > . Board members elected will remain the same until bylaws are reviewed and /or
- > . amended and elected on at later date
- > . Openings for work crew volunteers discussed and agreed the subject worthy of attention as the work season progresses. Association has sufficient liabilities in place.
- > . Nick is going to talk to a prospective bookkeeper for ARA
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- > Nick gave us a brief review of a River Projects for 2021
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- > . \$115,000 worth of work confirmed at beginning of the year
- > . \$ 15, 000 came from Adopt a Stream
- > . \$30,000 from Canadian Nature fund, a project we're doing in partnership with NSSA
- > . \$60,000 through the Dexter Nova alliance to complete restoration on the Brierly Brook Project as part of the highway twining project
- > . \$10,000 from the town of Antigonish to continue maintenance on structures in the James River

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> As well, there were extra monies came from DFO half way through the season in the amount of \$21,500, and another \$50,000 for work on the South and West River water sheds. \$ 36,000 of that has been spent and the remainder carried forward. Sites have been selected and permits acquired for spending this money. An extra \$10,000 dollars allotted for extra work on bank erosion in the Brierly Brook.

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> All in all, about \$160,000 spent on restoration and coordinator expenses and we have approximately \$20,000 left over to be used in 2022. ARA completed more projects than any other group in the province for 2021.

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> Planning for 2022 is well under way with help of Allison and Bruce. South River plan has received \$ 18,500 from Atlantic Salmon Conservation Fund to help implement that project.

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> Last years restoration staff will be offered first chance of work this summer although some former employees may have opportunities to procure employment in their chosen trades. Probably one less member than last year.

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> If and when required there will be efforts made to use volunteers.

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> Next meeting will be held in the fall unless something very significant should arise.

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> Dave MacNeil moves the meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Sandy MacLeod

> and so adjourned at 13:58