

# ARA Meeting Minutes

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Deverness Stables

1pm-2pm

In Attendance - Sandy Horne, Sandy MacLeod, Dave MacNeil, Malorie Crispo, Leo Callahan, Tim Handforth, Allison White, Liam Fulmore

1) Call to order 13:12

2) Approval of agenda - Mainly want to review the operating budget. Approved.

3) Adopt minutes from last meeting which are on the web. Minutes adopted.

4) Presidents Report- docks installed at Cameron Lake. Tim, Dave, Allison, Bruce, Bailey and Nick attended the Salmon symposium in Bible Hill. Inland Fisheries from Ottawa, DFO, were present. Organized and sponsored by the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation and the Nova Scotia Salmon Association.

St. Mary's, Cheticamp, Margaree, associations represented as well, good opportunity to compare notes on how all groups operate, obstacles faced, etc. Some other areas have expressed interest in organizing associations including a group in New Harbour and in the Waugh/River John area.

5) Treasurers Report- Treasurer not in attendance. 2022 financial report will be ready for the end of May and will be mailed out. The ARA operating budget was presented and approved. Moved to be accepted as presented by Sandy MacLeod, seconded by Dave MacNeil, motion carried.

6) Activities Report- Free Annual Fishing Derby - A planning document for the Derby was drawn up by Allison and forwarded to members on 28-04-2023. Allison spearheading the Derby.

Date- June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Sunday) Specifics, Preparation, Prizes, material needs, and potential donors discussed. Any ideas in the next few weeks can be emailed to Allison. Hoping to have at least ten volunteers for the event. It was suggested that the date be changed to Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> with Sunday as an alternate in the event of inclement weather. Allison will check and get back to us on that.

7) New Business- Bi-laws have been updated and are on the web site.

There are companies who should be added as supporters of ARA and some that should be removed. To be discussed with web committee.

8) Other- It was suggested that a congratulatory note be sent to ARA member Ken MacAulay for being selected to team Canada international fly fishing team for competition in spring of 2024 in France.

9) Next meeting will be at the end of May to discuss progress on the fishing Derby. Date and time later. Next regular ARA meeting will be held in late November.

10) 2023 operating budget was reviewed and approved