

ARA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14th, 2024

Location: Deverness Stables,

Virtual meeting link provided

In Attendance: Tim Handforth, Dave MacNeil, Leo Callahan, Sandy Horne, Sandy MacLeod, Dan Doiron, Liam Fulmore, Darryl Murant. On Line, Gerry Doucet, Malorie Crispo, Steve Thibodeau, Allison White

1. Called to order at 1:10 pm

2. Agenda approved

3. Minutes from previous meeting approved, on the web site

4. President's report:

- Thanks, Dave, for an awesome newsletter
- Much thanks to Escape Anglers for supplying our raffle outfit which was won by a customer from Ontario. Congratulations and thanks to all who bought tickets and participated!
- Councillor Bill MacFarland spoke to Tim about the 90degree turn in the West below Addington Forks as being a danger to canoeists and kayakers and would like to open some discussion on having the river redirected to its original course. Funds were available several years ago for that project but it was put on hold due to environmental concerns and turtle nesting areas. Signage in place now, we'll leave this for Mr. MacFarland to pursue.
- Meetings coming up in Margaree and Westville with DFO to discuss the salmon/ striped bass issue. Agenda handed out.
- Summer crews had a very busy year and got a lot of work done. Allison's full report has been sent out, very thorough, and a lot of effort. Well done Allison and thanks so much from everyone!

5. Treasurers Report:

- Year end Report, we still have a very positive cash flow. Report has been sent out. Any questions can be forwarded to Christine by email. Charitable status still not an option for ARA, no advantage. If any major donations come our way, we can arrange to receive them through NSSA.

6. Activities Report:

- Salmon dinner will be Oct.19/24, at the Legion on St. Ninian Street. (decision made subsequent to this meeting) St FX too expensive. Hopefully run vents for the afternoon before. Donations any time, never too early to start. Formal letter will be out before long.
- Fishing Derby- Allison has applied for permit. No problem anticipated. Looks like February 17 . Lots of prizes left over from summer of 2023. Allison will speak to hatchery regarding stocking. Also looking for volunteers. Will be at Gillis Lake.
- Fly Tying- Wednesday night at AH Roy, 6:30.
- Newsletter- Once again, well received, thanks Dave for all the work. Thanks to all those who submitted articles.
- River Restoration- Awesome report sent out from Allison. Thanks again. Tour with Charlie on the James to see work that has been done, very impressive. Maps of all the work areas will be presented at the Salmon dinner. Dan will work with Allison on that.
- Brood stock- Lots of angling but with little success. Nothing planned for 2024 just yet, Steve will be checking into that in early February.

7. New Business:

- Would like to purchase a small utility trailer for our work crews. Dave moved that the association purchase a utility trailer for the crews at a cost of approximately \$2000.00-seconded by Darryl- motion approved. Tim and Allison will handle that one.
- Commercial zoom-\$200/US/yr acceptable. We will also explore using Microsoft Teams with Dan. Handle it Pres.!
- AGM- two years since our last executive elections. Anyone holding a position who wishes not to continue, please advise. Anyone interested in putting their name

forward, let Tim know.

- February meeting will be on the 11th.

Thanks to all who have attended in person and on line.

8. Meeting adjourned at 14:00, 14-01-24.