

## ARA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Location: Deverness Stables

\*Virtual meeting link provided. \*

In Attendance: Leo Callahan, Tim Handforth, Darryl Murant, Dave MacNeil, Don Wescott, Liam Fulmore, Dan Doiron (Zoom)

1. Call to order at 13:00
2. Agenda Approved
3. Minutes from last meeting adopted, on the website
4. Presidents Report:
  - ARA has purchased a small utility trailer for our work crews to facilitate the transport of tools, equipment, trees as needed, etc. Cost of \$2,000.
  - Zoom will be dropped after March 6th, 2024. We will be setting up Microsoft Teams after that.
5. Treasurers Report:
  - Our Treasurer is enjoying Spain and will be returning on April 6th.
6. Activities Report
  - Salmon Dinner- The Social Enterprise Center shall be this year's venue. Menu will most likely be Salmon from Sustainable Blue, depending on availability, or choice of a chicken dinner, salads and desserts! Meal will be buffet style and we're aiming for 150 seats. Bar service will be provided by the Legion on the Legion side alleviating congestion in the silent auction areas. Dan and Dale are working on a seating plan. A new sound system is being installed at the venue so the acoustics should be improved. We have decided to cancel the events at The Perch because of cost overrun, insurance and tent rental being quite costly.
  - Fishing Derby- Fishing Derby tentatively slated for February 17, pending cooperation by Mother Nature and permissible ice and snow conditions. Allison White has sent out an email with the minutes from our Derby meeting on February 10th. Please refer to it for further details, and many thanks to Allison for all the efforts to date.
  - Fly Tying - Going well, a dozen or so tiers per session. Dave and Dan have been invited to do a session with the 4H club on March 2nd.

- Newsletter-on hold till next Xmas.  
\*\* Allison has mentioned that she would appreciate any new pictures we can offer as she is updating the web site. Thanks.
- River Restoration- nothing new to report at this time. Haven't heard back regarding grants or proposals, still early.

#### 7. New Business:

- We will not be participating at the Halifax Sport Show. It would be too difficult to find people to man a booth for three twelve-hour days. Sharing a booth was proposed but denied. NSSA and ASF will have booths representing our interests.
- AGM - will be held on April 21, 2024. Anyone interested in an executive position please put your name forward.
- Anyone who hasn't paid their dues please do so at your earliest convenience. Tim will be sending out an email regarding dues. We have ten lifetime members we hop to be honouring this year, possibly at the upcoming AGM.

No further business!

#### 8. Meeting adjourned at 13:30