

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors June 23, 2017
Wascana Place, 10:30AM

Present: Sherwin Petersen, Garth Burns, Garry Dixon, Sandra Bathgate, David Sloan, Jim Elliott, Barry Gunther, Tom Lemon, Rod Halyk, Kelly Butz and Geoff Merifield.

Absent: Garth Burns and Fred Clipsham.

Staff: Colleen Fennig

Guest:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:37am.

2. Introductions

With the Chair being absent, Garry Dixon chaired the meeting. With the Secretary absent after lunch, another person will take minutes in the afternoon.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Merifield/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the agenda be approved as amended. The GM report would be 4 b).

4. Board Minutes – March 30, 2017

Motion (Gunther/Sloan) (M/S/C) that the March 30, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

5. Business Arising

- No response surrounding the MOU has arrived
- Love Your Lakes agreement signed

6. Correspondence

- Tom Lemon arrived at the meeting
- The AGM draft minutes have not been sent out. Jim will do this after the meeting
- ALUS account has not been transferred into an interest bearing account yet but will be done soon
- Sandra Bathgate arrived at the meeting
- The new papers for the Director's insurance have arrived and were circulated.
- WSA contract for 2017-18 has arrived.
- Letter from the Last Mountain Lake Stewards was read out. Geoff will send out electronic version of this to the board. Colleen will respond to the letter acknowledging the letter and saying it was forwarded to the Board.

- Letter from Next Gen Drainage Solutions approached us to do some wetland inventory work & ground truthing for a 9000 acre project adjacent to our watershed. Colleen has responded by saying that we don't have the capacity currently. They are willing to rethink their deadlines and are requesting rates for QP services for the future.

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) that we concur on the decisions made so far and that we set up a committee to set up rates for QP services.

Barry Gunther, Sherwin Petersen, Rod Halyk and Fred Clipsham agreed to be on the committee. Some things to consider were organizational and management capacity, project time requirements, amount of administrative fee, size and type of projects do we consider and QP service rates.

Motion (Sloan/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the board accept the Director's insurance as proposed.

Motion (Halyk/Petersen) (M/S/C) that the correspondence be received and filed

7. Reports

a) Chair & Executive Committee (no report)

b) General Manager/AEGP/ALUS (Colleen Fennig) (attached)

Motion (Sloan/Gunther) (M/S/C) that the board approve WUQWATR helping the Ministry of Health with beach water testing.

Motion (Petersen/Halyk) (M/S/C) that the board sign the AIS contract.

Motion (Merifield/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the GM report be received.

It was mentioned that Tim Davies is dealing with cancer.

c) Financial Report

The blank deposits were membership fee deposits.

Motion (Merifield/Elliott) (M/S/C) that the Board approves the Transaction Details as of June 14, 2017.

Motion (Gunther/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Board approve the Income and Expenses Financial Statement and the Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:24 pm. Jim Elliott left the meeting.

The meeting was called back to order after lunch at 1:15 pm

d) SAW report

There were no changes for the SAW executive as elected at the AGM in April.

Kelly returned to the meeting at 1:20

The SAW conference will be held in Swift Current on April 12-14, 2018.

Continual Business Improvement was talked about at the last SAW meeting.

David reported that we can expect changes to the next Ag Policy Framework and that it will probably be performance based. A proposal from SAW for the next Ag Policy Framework was submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and now the Ministry would like a budget submitted.

SAW approved its budget for the year.

SAW got notification that its application to the Department of Oceans and Fisheries through the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program was accepted. The funding obtained by SAW will be for all the watersheds. It is dealing with shoreline restoration projects and the funding is for two years. WUQWATR has the opportunity to have a 2017 provincial demonstration project in addition to the other projects, and additional funding to go with it. All the other watersheds will be able to use this demonstration project as additional training and learning process. The demonstration site is to be on Last Mountain Lake and should be publicly accessible, in a park or on municipal land which could in the future be zoned as an Environmental Reserve. It will be designated with a large sign. This is a great opportunity to highlight our watershed. It is in the middle of the province and our staff has an excellent chance to learn from the experience of others. This is all part of building watershed capacity.

SAW wants to do an MLA reception. The last reception, 2 board members and the manager went.

SAW will most likely put in a booth at the Agribition and SARM but not SUMA but SAW still plans to work with SUMA on developing urban BMPs.

SAW is still thinking about doing a strategic plan.

David reminded the board it is not too late to start thinking about the 2018 stewardship award.

e) Reports from Watersheds

The board members were reminded to send in their watershed reports in advance so that everyone could review them. This would help speed up the meetings.

-Last Mountain Lake

Geoff brought a letter from the Last Mountain Lake Stewards, which was discussed during correspondence.

Garry reported that SaskEnergy will be shutting down gas delivery to 247 homes/places by September.

Garry reported on the June 21st meeting on Risk Assessment for floods and natural disasters.

-Buffalo Pound

Sandra reported that there is renewed interest in looking at the valley and conveyance from the Government (Ministry of Environment) and the City of Moose Jaw.

-Lanigan Manitou

Rod reported that the City of Humboldt has almost completed its water treatment expansion plans and will then focus on its lagoon upgrade. The new REACT landfill site is going ahead.

Manitou Lake is down 2 cm. The berms are finished including the riprap.

8. In-camera session

Colleen left at 2:20 pm and returned at 3 pm

During the in-camera session it was determined that Folly would get a one-time \$1500 performance incentive and Colleen would get \$2000.

The board decided that there will be no Christmas present (candy or otherwise) at year end.

The board instructed Colleen to find prices for lightweight jackets with safety flashing and golf-shirts for the staff. The prices should be brought forward to the executive.

9. Executive Elections

a) Chair

David nominated Fred for Chair (Fred absent but let his name stand).

Motion (Petersen/Merifield) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

Fred Clipsham was elected Chairperson.

b) Vice-chair

Geoff nominated Garry for Vice-chair.

Motion (Merifield/Burns) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

Garry Dixon was elected Vice-chairperson.

c) Secretary

David nominated Jim for Secretary (Jim was absent but let his name stand).

Motion (Gunther/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that nominations cease.

Jim Elliot was elected Secretary.

d) Treasurer

Barry nominated Geoff for Treasurer

Motion (Butz/Halyk) (M/S/C) that nomination cease.

Geoff Merrifield was elected Treasurer

10. Business Improvement

Some watersheds are looking at the recent governance training and getting their boards to look at pertinent sections.

Barry is working on a Code of Ethics for the next board meeting.

Jim is looking at all of the draft policies to see which the approved ones are.

Colleen will get ALUS and the AEGP to review the PAC members' participation. It was commented that due to liability reasons, WUQWATR should have a say in who is on the PAC.

Motion (Sloan/Burns) (M/S/C) to review the agricultural PAC (Producer Advisory Committee) and their participation and look into WUQWATR's authority to invite people to join.

Sherwin suggested that WHIMIS and Safety procedures should be examined as well for employees.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting is on August 18, 2017 starting at 8 a.m. as a conference call.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.