

**Minutes**  
**WUQWATR Annual General Meeting March 27, 2018**  
**Dew Drop Inn, Lumsden, 7:00PM**

Present: Fred Clipsham, David Sloan, Sherwin Petersen, Garry Dixon, Sandra Bathgate, Jim Elliott, Barry Gunther, Rod Halyk, Geoff Merifield and members.

Absent: Kelly Butz, Garth Burns

Staff: Colleen Fennig

Guest: Bridget Andrews, Bryan Osborne, Gary Neil and Breanna Gardner

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

Everyone in the room was given an opportunity to identify themselves and who they might represent for the meeting.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion (Oblander/Merifield) (M/S/C)** that the agenda be approved as circulated.

**4. Minutes of 2007 Annual General Meeting – March 30, 2017**

**Motion (Gunther/Phillips) (M/S/C)** that the minutes of March 30, 2017 be accepted as presented.

**5. Reports**

**a. Chairperson's Report**

- The chairperson identified a number of programs and the hard work of board members with very good attendance at board meetings throughout the past year.
- He also stated that he would not be continuing on as chairperson for the coming year.

**b. General Manager's Report**

- The General Manager thanked the Board of Directors and the member's support through the years. She identified the programs and what was done through the year. These included the Invasive Weeds program, the Agricultural Environmental Group Plan (AEGP), communications to members through newsletters, displays and presentations, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) (1057 acres over 5 years), the Streambank Stabilization project, the Love Your Lakes program (347 properties in 2017), the educational opportunities the Art contest, Science curriculum, Agribition and SARM booths and the Qu'Appelle River & Basin Research & Management Committee. The organization also initiated work in the

areas of culvert mapping, services for those applying for licensed drainage and the development of WUQWATR as a qualified person.

**c. Treasurer's Report**

- The draft audited statement of WUQWATR was presented as the auditor had to unexpectedly take some time off such that the final audited statement was not finished. The attendees were asked if they had any questions about the draft audited statement.

**Motion (Merifield/Gunther) (M/S/C)** that WUQWATR defer adoption of the audited financial statements and that the board be given the authority to approve the final audit report by the auditor. The final audit report, when approved, will be posted on our website with copies printed for members who request copies.

**Motion (Merifield/Halyk) (M/S/C)** that the auditor for the coming fiscal year be Marcia Herback.

**d. Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds**

- David Sloan provided an overview of what the association is and what they did over the past year. Included in this was advocating for issues and sourcing province-wide funding. They organized a MLA reception, participated on an Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force, got funding for Love Your Lakes and Natural Edge, participated on the APAS Environment Committee, the provincial fisheries advisory committee, at the Prairie Water Kickoff and on LIDAR mapping. Their annual conference this year is in Swift Current.

**6. New Business**

**a. Resolutions**

- The following resolution was moved by Tom Fink.

**Whereas** the proponents of the Common Ground Drainage Diversion Project have withdrawn their application at this time,

**Therefore be it resolved** that WUQWATR oppose any future proposals or applications which would result in any water from the Quill Lakes area being diverted to Last Mountain Lake.

After some discussion, a seconder to the motion was not found. The motion failed.

**7. Other Business**

There were questions put to Colleen Fennig of WUQWATR and Bryan Osborne, Manager Regional Services at the Weyburn office of the Water Security Agency about drainage in the watershed.

**8. WUQWATR Strategic Planning Session on Jan 18-19, 2018 presentation—Fred Clipsham, Chair of WUQWATR**

Fred Clipsham presented information from a strategic planning session for WUQWATR paid for by the Water Security Agency.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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