

WUQWATR Annual General Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2019

6:00 p.m. Regina Beach Hall

Present: Barry Gunther, Sandra Bathgate, Jim Elliott, Rod Halyk, Sharon Rodenbush, Tom Fink, Sherwin Petersen, David Sloan and Lori Bresciani

Absent: Garth Burns and John Langford

Staff: Melissa Bramham, Courtney Devins, Sarah Tranberg, Kirstin Colvin and Casey McMahon

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sherwin Petersen at 6:20 p.m.

2. Introductions

The board and staff were introduced by Chairperson David Sloan.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion (Clipsham/Fink) (M/S/C) that the agenda as presented be approved.

4. Minutes of Annual General Meeting: March 27, 2018

The resolution that was stated as moved by Tom Fink was in fact, moved by the village of Kanata Valley and seconded by Tom Fink. The resolution was subsequently defeated.

Motion (Clipsham/Fink) (M/S/C) that the amended minutes from March 27, 2018 be approved.

5. Business arising

6. Reports

a. Board Chair: David Sloan

David Sloan reviewed the activities of the Board of Directors and the programs of WUQWATR. There was a good report coming from the new wastewater treatment plant. We have a new communications package as well as a new orientation package for our new board members. We have done a new strategic plan for the organization. We have new board members and new staff. A few board members have retired this past year. There is another potash mine proposal in the Sedley area. Meeting around the future of the Valeport Marsh area of Last Mountain Lake was being sought.

b. WUQWATR General Manager: Melissa Bramham

Melissa Bramham provided an overview of the operations and the funding sources for WUQWATR over the year. Four committees (WSA Engagement, Communications, Entrepreneurial and Business Improvement) were formed to cover our plans for the future.

c. Treasurer: Sandra Bathgate

i. Approval of 2018 Audited Statements

We only have draft audited statements and will be sending out the final audited statements once we receive them. The procedure that will be followed will be receipt of the 2018 Audited Statements by the Board of Directors. They will review and accept the final 2018 Audited Statements. Copies will be made available to members and those attending upon request.

ii. Appointment of 2019 Auditor

Motion (Clipsham/Fink) (M/S/C) that the appointment of the 2019 Auditor be deferred to the Board of Directors.

- d. Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds Report: David Sloan
David Sloan provided an overview of the operations of the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (9 watersheds stewardship groups across southern Saskatchewan). Sherwin Petersen is our representative on the Board of Directors. SAW provide advice and provincial promotion on the issues of watershed management. SAW provides provincial funding of programs for its members. SAW is working to develop Best Management Practices for Urban Municipalities. SAW provides a provincial conference each year, this year in Moosomin, next year in Gravelbourg. WUQWATR nominated the Federated Cooperative Ltd. Refinery wastewater improvement project for the SAW Watershed Stewardship Award and was successful in getting the award. SAW works with a number of provincial organizations and initiatives such as APAS, SUMA, SARM and the Aquatic Invasive Species task force. SAW provides a booth at Agribition.
7. Other business: no business
8. New Business:
 - a. Resolutions
There were three resolutions from the village of Kanata Valley - These have been acknowledged by the Board of Directors and will be addressing them in the near future.
9. Citizen Science Project with University of Regina: Dr. Kerri Finlay
Dr. Finlay provided an overview of the Citizen Science Project. This included approximately 35 citizen volunteers doing water sampling and providing some basic water parameters and data related to this being put on a publicly accessible website (www.waterrangers.ca).
10. Watershed Poster Contest
Information was provided on the posters sent for WUQWATR's part of SAW's poster contest.
11. University of Saskatchewan: Dr. Graham Strickert update on social hydrology (<https://water.usask.ca/about/profiles/people/graham-strickert.php>)
Dr. Strickert provided an update on social hydrology, an emphasis on how people impact the watershed hydrology.

12. WSA Doug Johnson: Ag Water Management and Climate Change

Doug Johnson provided information on the water management programs directed by the Water Security Agency. He provided an overview on agriculture water management and the impacts of climate change and drought strategies on what is done on the ground.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.