

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors April 4, 2013
Regina Beach, 3:15 PM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, David Sloan and Geoff Merifield.

Staff: Duane Haave

Regrets: Jim Supynuk, Sandra Bathgate, Rod Halyk and Ernie Oblander.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Halladay/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the agenda as circulated be approved with the addition of SAW representation at SAW meeting under 5 h) and Recommendations on the 2012-2013 Audit under 5 d).

2. Minutes of March 25th

Motion re: Jim Supynuk should read invited to attend. Also under Business Arising, the bylaw changes were sent to members at the time of the meeting.

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the minutes of March 25th be approved as amended.

3. Business Arising

- Duane still doesn't have a response from Warren at the Water Security Agency.
- The office has been established recently. Some furniture still has not arrived.

4. Correspondence (none)

5. Reports

- a. Chairperson's Report (none)
- b. General Manager's Report

The brochure should be ready for the SAW conference in Moose Jaw. Duane also informed us that he will be taking 3 weeks holidays starting April 26th. The announcement about the new AEGP program has not been made.

There was a note about the former federal scientist, Marley Waiser who spoke of the muzzling of federal scientists. She had done work on the nutrient loading and other contaminants in the Wascana Creek. She had also said that there needs to be more monitoring of the impacts of the effluent coming from Regina. Duane will contact to see if she could be a speaker at a future meeting.

The Environmental Impact Assessment for the Western Potash mine at Milestone has passed. Maybe the potash mine effluent use and the impacts of the wastewater treatment plant effluent could be combined in an information meeting perhaps in June.

Duane also reported on the Prairie Flood Management and Mitigation Seminar in Yorkton (<http://www.yorkton.ca/news/2013/waterseminar/index.asp>).

c. Executive Committee

2013-14 Board Work Plan

The Mission for WUQWATR was changed to To lead in the development and implementation of source water protection.

Principles – Mutual respect.

- Operate fairly, honestly and transparently.

Values – o.k.

Source Water Protection should be capitalized.

Planning would mean a meeting in the spring to review the action items to determine the current status over a 5 year cycle and the fall meeting would be used to develop the work plan for the upcoming year.

Finance & Procedures Committee should be Finance & Risk Management Committee. There should be a Delegation to Staff on Financial Matters Policy added to this section and take out the development of a financial reserve policy. The Executive Committee should be the one charged with developing a Staff Succession Plan.

In Strengthen Existing Stakeholder Relationships, the last sentence could be removed. We should be promoting to members and key organizations in government, research and the non-profit sector.

Under the timeline section, there needs to be a column to identify who is responsible for completing it by the time identified.

Plan renewal process would be assessed to determine if and when it would begin, tentatively 2014. (Board)

Stakeholder Relationships (Board)

We should set up a governance committee. This committee would do the board evaluations and board orientation.

Motion (Sloan/Davies) (M/S/C) that the Board Work Plan be approved as presented.

6. Financial Reports

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the budget for 2013-2014 be approved as presented.

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that the Board recommends to the WUQWATR Annual General Meeting the adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

7. SAW Report

There was a discussion about who should be representing WUQWATR at the SAW conference and AGM.

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that David Sloan be our SAW Board Representative.

Motion (Merifield/Halladay) (M/S/C) that Rod Halyk be our SAW Member at Large Representative.

Motion (Merifield/Halladay) (M/S/C) that Tim Davies and Jim Elliott be our SAW AGM Delegates.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting would happen after the holidays of Duane Haave.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.