

Minutes
WUQWATR Board of Directors July 17, 2015
Wascana Place, 10:30 AM

Present: Fred Clipsham, Jim Elliott, Sandra Bathgate, Tim Davies, Claudette Halladay, Don Bowman, Barry Gunther, Geoff Merifield, David Sloan, Rod Halyk and Gary Dixon.

Absent:

Staff:

1. Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. All board members introduced themselves to Barry Gunther. He introduced himself.

2. Approval of Agenda

In addition to the review provided by Fred Clipsham, there were 4 new business items be added:

- Op-Ed Piece in Leader Post by Fred Clipsham
- Complaint from Moose Jaw
- CPIC Record Check for Board Members
- Method for election of Executive

It was agreed that the Op-Ed Piece be discussed first. At this point, Fred Clipsham left the room at 10:43 a.m. Rod Halyk assumed the chair.

3. Op-Ed Article by Fred Clipsham in Leader Post

Discussion concluded in the following motion:

Motion (Sloan/Merifield) (M/S/C) that future written communications and/or media releases from WUQWATR through the Chairperson need to be reviewed by the Executive prior to release. For ongoing programming, the Chairperson or General Manager may communicate with the media without review. Subsequently, all Board Members need to be notified at the time of the release.

Fred Clipsham returned to the meeting at 11:23 a.m. and resumed the chair.

4. Complaint about Moose Jaw Watershed Stewards

Motion (Halladay/Bathgate) (M/S/C) that the following meet with the Moose Jaw River Stewards:

- Duane Haave
- Fred Clipsham
- Claudette Halladay

- Sandra Bathgate

5. Review of WUQWATR structure and bylaws

Additional thoughts regarding strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were the following:

- Board commitments (st)
- Public understanding of the organization (w)
- Poor membership support (w)
- Poor membership involvement (w)
- Enrolling organized hamlets (o)
- Public awareness signage in the community (o)
- Signage at edges for watersheds (o)
- Strategy and role for boat station education on invasive species (o)
- Enhance organization to review fee structure at AGM (o)
- Do membership campaign to go to others to join (o)
- Sending articles to local newspapers (o)

6. Recess for Lunch

The meeting was recessed at 12:16 p.m. for lunch. The meeting was started again at 12:50 p.m.

5. Review of WUQWATR structure and bylaws (cont'd)

a. Other issues of concern included

- Quill Lakes – will there be a need for an interbasin transfer or will it naturally overflow and what are the implications
- Potash – excessive demand for access to water from our watershed, has it exceeded our capacity to respond through the current infrastructure and do we set an allocation limit or require changes to the conveyance
- Charging for water by SWA – charging current users for allocation so as to reduce allocation to current use
- Qu'Appelle River, Buffalo Pound Lake, Last Mountain Lake & Aquifer allocations - municipal, agriculture, recreation, ecological, industrial, other and how much or who gets priority and how to cancel allocations
- Lake Diefenbaker allocations – how much comes into Qu'Appelle River system
- Cumulative impacts of injection wells, potash salt tailings and cumulative effect of aquifer allocations. Perhaps the question of water allocation topic could be put as a topic for a SAW meeting.
- Knowledge of full cycle environmental assessment process and where current developments require assessments.

b. Board and committee structure

- Initially mixed reaction to whether standing committees are needed
- Maybe advice can go to the board instead of standing committees
- Maybe committees should be used more often to develop something the board can respond to at a later date
- ALUS/AEGP committee needs to be maintained
- Consensus was to not have standing committees

c. Effectiveness of the Watershed Advisory Committee

- As a pilot project, we need to suggest 4-6 events per year in each WAC at which WUQWATR would provide resources/information table at the event. This would be supervised by WUQWATR volunteers. The chairs of the WAC will do some investigation monitored by the Chair to put together an information package, a display setup and a budget to cover costs to attend or support the events.
- Need to contact members more often
- Develop a materials package that would go to prospective members

d. Relationship with UMAS/ARMAS

Motion (Davies/Merifield) (M/S/C) that we send a letter to SAW re relationship between the watersheds stewardship associations and UMAS/ARMAS and that we encourage SAW to send a letter to their boards explaining the role of watershed stewardship associations.

e. Bylaw revision

Motion (Davies/Halladay) (M/S/C) that the Board recommend to the 2016 AGM that Bylaw 8.8 now read "All directors may be re-elected."

We need to revisit the effectiveness of the AGM at the next meeting. One suggested change would be that the fee structure be a regular agenda item for revision/reaffirmation. At an AGM, there will be audit, bylaw revisions and resolutions.

Motion (Halyk/Bowman) (M/S/C) that the Board recommend to the 2016 AGM that Bylaw 8.9.5 now read "have a clear Criminal Record Check from the Canadian Police Information Centre and, that after election, the General Manager will ensure that the director's Criminal Record Check is up to date and on file.

Motion (Davies/Dixon) (M/S/D) that the Board recommend to the 2016 AGM that Bylaw 4.8.2 now read "Membership fee payable to WUQWATR shall be reviewed annually by the Board and approved at the Annual General Meeting." **[Defeated]**

Motion (Halladay/Sloan) (M/S/C) that there will be silent nominations by ballot for Board Executive positions.

David Sloan will provide SAW materials respecting this nomination procedure.

It was pointed out that there is an inconsistency between Bylaw 8.2 and 8.11. Bylaw 8.2 should read what the articles of incorporation says the number of directors should be. Fred will check to find out what the articles of incorporation are respecting numbers of board of directors.

It was recommended that there be a meeting once a year when there is a Q & A or orientation session.

It was also recommended that there be an annual meeting where the General Manager and/or the Board of Directors be evaluated.

There would be a periodic review of the items in Bylaw 3.1, i.e. vision statement, mission statement, goals, objectives, principles and values.

SAW is reviewing the semi-annual reporting procedures to WSA and is developing new reporting documents and creating a guiding template including how it matches the 25 year WSA work plan.

7. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be in September. Duane and Fred to decide on a specific date.

8. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.