



WRIG AGM

--May 21st, 2025--

Minutes

The WRIG AGM was held at the Cymbria Lions Club building.

Board members in attendance: Renée Pastoor (Chair), Kayla Nieuwhof, Stewart MacRae, Hailey Blacquiere (Treasurer), Peter McDougall (Secretary), Jenn Gallé, Ben Versteeg, Stephen Loo, Craig Ling, Matt Tennyson.

Board member regrets: Melissa Boudreau

Others in attendance: Maggie McConnell, Mark Douglas, Sarah MacWilliams, Francis Gallant, Gary Craswell, Andrea Dowling, Ann Wheatley, Ken Dowling, and Fiep de Bie.

WRIG Secretary Peter McDougall took the minutes.

Renée called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and welcomed those in attendance. She began by thanking all who have volunteered with and/or supported WRIG.

Renée then introduced the guest presenter, Fiep de Bie, who is involved with, amongst other things, the bird banding project in which WRIG is partnered. Fiep spoke about the many types of bird counts and bird banding activities that take place to assess bird prevalence, bird health, etc.

The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period.

Following the presentation and Q&A session, a refreshment break was held.

The business meeting resumed at 8:20 pm.

Peter provided a summary from the minutes of the 2024 AGM. Jenn made a motion to approve the minutes and Ben seconded. Motion Approved.

Maggie presented the Watershed Manager's Report using a PowerPoint document. The report highlighted the 2024 goals and accomplishments and informed members about future plans. Maggie made special mention of the many sponsors, partners and funders for WRIG activities.

Stephen made a motion to approve the Manager's Report, Hailey seconded. Motion Approved.

Hailey presented the Financial Report which was attached to the meeting materials. She noted that the figure for "Donations & Memberships" had been inadvertently switched with the figure for "Wildlife Conservation Fund". The net income for the year of operations was (-3,901.85)

A donation of \$5,000 by the Cumbria Lions Club, part of their 50th anniversary celebrations, was highlighted.

Ken Dowling made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Craig seconded. Motion Approved.

Jenn Gallé advised that Kayla has reached the term limit as a director and will be leaving the Board. A token of appreciation for her dedication to WRIG was presented by Renée and Maggie.

All remaining board members have expressed their willingness to continue. Three board members - Renée, Peter and Hailey will be reaching their term limit at the end of the upcoming year.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm