



## WRIG AGM

--April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022--

### Minutes

The WRIG AGM was held at the Cymbria Lions Club building. Covid-19 protocols were followed.

Board members in attendance: Kayla Nieuwhof, Stewart MacRae, Gary Loo, Renée Pastoor (Chair), Hailey Blacquiére (Treasurer), Peter McDougall (Secretary), Jenn Gallé, and Matt Tennyson.

Others in attendance: Maggie McConnell (Watershed Manager), John Sylvester (guest speaker), Grant Rackham, Pierre-Ives Daoust, Melissa Boudreau, J. Versteeg, Gabriel Loo, Paula Gallant, Andrea Dowling, Melvin Ling, Jane Farquharson, and Doug Crossman.

WRIG Secretary Peter McDougall took the minutes.

Renée called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and made a statement welcoming those in attendance. She highlighted that WRIG had enjoyed a very successful year, with significant field work accomplished, community engagement and public awareness. The annual rubber duck race was once again a great event and the winter woodlot tour was a popular event.

Maggie provided an introduction to our guest speaker, wildlife and nature photographer John Sylvester.

Mr Sylvester gave an excellent presentation of images and the stories behind their capture. A question and answer period followed.

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

The business meeting resumed at 8:30 pm.

Peter read the minutes from the 2021 AGM. An error was noted in the motion related to the 2021 AGM minutes. Jenn made a motion to approve the minutes subject to this being corrected, Matt seconded. Motion Approved.

Maggie presented the Watershed Manager's Report for the 2021-22 season using a PowerPoint document. The report highlighted:

- The goals for 2021
- The year in review:
  - 4 summer students were employed
  - 2 interns were employed for portions of the year

- Training was undertaken related to chainsaw safety, first aid, woodland ecology, watershed topics and project management
- Development of the sediment management plan
- Improvement of riparian and in stream habitat
- Monitoring of water quality
- Improvement of upland wildlife habitat
- Community outreach and education
- Preparation for the summer 2022 field season

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

Hailey presented the Financial Report. She noted a \$27K surplus of income over expenses due to the timing of the climate challenge funding receipt. These funds will be expended in FY 2022/23.

Kayla made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Stewart seconded. Motion Approved.

Status of board membership:

- Gary has completed his final term
- Stewart will remain as a non-voting director

Gary made a motion to nominate Melissa Boudreau to the board of directors. Kayla seconded. The motion was approved and she accepted the position.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

Prior to the meeting, Chairperson Renée presented retiring Director Gary Loo with a token of appreciation for his service and support to WRIG.