

NSRBC AGM MINUTES

Date: *March 25, 2013*

Location: **Western Development Museum, Heritage Hall**

1. Call To Order : Paul Rybka, Chair for AGM

By Paul Rybka 1:35 PM

2. Approval of the Agenda *Moved/seconded*

Linda Clavelle moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Vinessa Currie-Foster. The motion was carried.

3. Approval of Scrutineers *Moved/seconded*

Vinessa Currie-Foster moved that Jeremy Brown and Susanne Abe act as Scrutineers, seconded by Linda Clavelle, carried.

4. Guest Speaker:

Jeremy Brown

Agrologist, Water Security Agency

"Structure of the new Water Security Agency"

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"Spring Runoff 2013 – what to expect and how to prepare"

6. Chairman's Report:

Paul Rybka, Chair, NSRBC

Paul asks for continuous support from communities within the watershed in order to fulfill mandate of Source Water Protection and implement projects

7. Staff Report:

John Kindrachuk

Acting Manager, NSRBC

"Last year's achievements in Source Water Protection"

- **Education, awareness and outreach:** Reaching various stakeholders and target groups through different avenues
 - Municipal engagements and conference events in partnership with SAW and the other Watershed groups in the province: SARM, SUMA and Agribition (trade show booth)
 - Workshops for producers, technicians, municipal employees and other interested groups to promote topic specific information and beneficial management practices, i.e. well decommissioning
 - School presentations in Grade 5 and 6 with water models that demonstrate how water behaves and educate about water systems and why different aspects of source water protection are important i.e. well decommissioning, storm water drainage retention or BMPs related to agriculture

- Broad recruitment of poster entries for SAW Poster Contest 2013 “Water & Wildlife”: awareness through personal contact with school divisions and schools, email and fax mail out as well as news article in local newspaper Regional Optimist
- Copies of booklets “Water Use in your home” and “Water efficiency on the farm” have been distributed whenever possible
- July 2012: Membership drive letter to all RMs, towns, cities and FN within the watershed
- June-August 2012: revised website www.nsrbc.ca (MR Website)
- July 2012: Contracted communications coordinator (Redberry Lake BR) to support general manager and develop communication material: Newsletter in fall 2012, update trade show booth and promotional material (membership letter, image brochure), continuous update of revised website as well as social media
- December 2012: Annual report, summarizing achievements and activities since 2008 to date
- **Ground Water Initiatives:**
 - Decommission of abandoned well in Maidstone (was also education workshop in conjunction with Battle River AEGP)
- **First Nation Source Water Protection Planning:**
 - Identification of 4 abandoned wells at Muskeg Lake First Nation
- **Agriculture:** Support and promote four AEGP groups within the watershed and their effectiveness in implementing environmental farm planning and BMPs to reduce negative agricultural impacts on water, soil, air and biodiversity
 - Administration for North Sask AEGP and Battle River AEGP to reduce their operating expenses and maximize resources
 - Partnering with the Redberry and Parkland AEGPs
 - Redberry Lake as one of the sub-basins and as closed watershed is also engaged in a Land Infrastructure Resiliency Assessment (LIRA) in partnership with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Science and Technology Branch) in developing a preparedness plan approach for mitigating the impacts of flood events on rural infrastructure.
 - Environmental Damages Fund (\$50,000) has been used for AEGP support
 - September 2012: Letters of support for AEGPs were written and sent to MOA and Ministry of Ag to support continuation of Growing Forward 2/CSFSP
- **Strategic Planning:** A major challenge for the NSRBC has been facing the scale of the geographic area and the scope of source water protection and tackling this with the limited human resource capacity.
 - December 2012 and January 2013: facilitated strategic planning meeting to address 1. Feasible key actions of the SWPP to be focused on within the next 5 years; 2. Board recruitment for vacant Executive positions and 3. Membership drive
 - Outcome: Focus on two key topics: Flood and Drought Management and Drinking Water
 - Flood & Drought Management: Develop and deliver programming to address drought and flood planning and preparation
 - Draw on baseline work that has already been done
 - Continue and build on LIRA
 - Make information readily available to municipalities (e.g. central database)
 - Seek opportunities to link with communities through community plans
 - Drinking Water: Develop and deliver programming to address drinking (potable) water issues around quantity and quality (e.g. wells, pollution, scarcity)

Annette Smith, North Saskatchewan River AEGP
Jeremy Brown for Battle River AEGP

8. Financial Report and appointment of Auditor

Vinessa Currie-Foster moved to accept financial report/general review as presented, seconded by Lisa Quessy. The motion was carried.

Linda Clavelle moved and Vinessa Currie-Foster seconded that Elizabeth Torrens, chartered accountant from Borden, will be engaged to do the review of the books and that only a general review of the books is needed. The motion was carried.

9. Approval of Reports

The reports were approved by motion made by Lisa Quessy, seconded by Harold Daniels, carried.

10. Networking Break

11. Nomination and Election of the Board of Directors

There was no interest in the audience to fulfill the vacant positions. Personal meetings will be required.

12. Motion to destroy ballots (If required)

13. Resolutions: Changes to by-laws that need ratification

Linda Clavelle made motion and Michael McAllister seconded that by-laws will be ratified when change number 1 is added into article 2, section 3 as followed (added section is marked bold): "To become a member in good standing a membership application must be filed and signed by the authorized executive of the organization, agency/council **and the required payment necessary received.**" The motion was carried.

14. New Business

- Decision on winning entries from poster contest will be made on April 2, 2013 by NSRBC staff
- Vinessa Currie-Foster suggests that North Saskatchewan River should be declared a National Heritage River and NSRBC should be engaged in process. Resolution was passed that NSRBC writes a letter expressing interest. Motion made by Vinessa Currie-Foster, seconded by Velma Foster.
- Vinessa Currie-Foster asks for permission to use NSRBC logo on canoeing maps she will have produced. Proceeds from map sale will go towards NSRBC. Lisa Quessy made motion to send logo to Vinessa for the proposed use, Linda Clavelle seconded.

15. Adjournment of AGM *Moved*

Linda Clavelle moved.

16. NSRBC Board Meeting

17. AEGP Meeting