

WRWEO AGM
Tuesday 7 July 2020
Zoom Meeting

- Paul Berry opened with a recognition that we are on Unceded and Unsurrendered Mi'kmaw Territory (Ancestral L'nu Lands)
- Approval of Agenda / 25 Years WRWEO anniversary
 - Moved by Ian Smith to approve the agenda as presented.
 - Allyssa Poulin seconded the motion.
 - Agenda amended to add discussion of the Municipal Regional Development Plan 10 year review after the BTSP report.
 - 12 yes votes by Zoom poll. The motion to accept the agenda as amended passed.
- [Approval of Minutes from AGM 2019](#)
 - Allyssa Poulin moved to approve the minutes as presented.
 - Richmond Campbell seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed.
- The [Chair's Report](#) was presented by Paul Berry.
- The [Financial Report](#) was presented by Paul Berry.
 - Ben Armstrong moves to approve the Financial Report as presented.
 - Allyssa Poulin seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed.
- The Stewardship Coordinator's Bluff Trail Stewardship Program ([BTSP Report](#)) was presented by Mike Lancaster.
 - Question from Kathleen about the Squirrel site: no water each time she was out there. Should it be moved?
 - Mike: That would have to be discussed with NSE as each site needs to be approved by them.
 - There was some discussion about reasonable expectations for percentage of users engaged, initiated by Ian Smith:
 - Ian: Over half of the users observed were engaged seems incredible! How do I get numbers like that?
 - Mike emphasized quality over quantity, and acknowledged the

student involvement makes those numbers look a lot higher than the typical steward can sustain.

- Ian: Would buttons to identify stewards help with initiating an interaction?
- Paul: The board considered it but decided not to go that way as a part of the stewardship program. However, it could be reviewed again by the new board.
- Richmond Campbell: Municipal regional development plan 10 year review
 - Does WRWEO have a proposal for modifying the plan or improving it in some way? This needs to happen before the end of July.
 - From its beginnings, WRWEO wanted to make the public aware of and excited about the value of this wilderness area. We made a great trail & the heavy usage started to destroy the very thing we aimed to protect.
 - There is no going back from this point. Even if you pulled out, the public would still go there. The only way forward is education, and the BTSP fills that need.
 - Make the BTSP a fixed part of the regional plan to promote education about preserving wilderness, not just in our area but the other surrounding areas. This is something the new board should think about and Rich would be interested in helping to develop a plan.
- Richmond Campbell: Election of Board of Directors for 2020-2021
 - Offering: [Paul Berry](#) (Chair and Treasurer), [Ben Armstrong](#) (Secretary), [Allyssa Poulin](#), [Omar Al Nasleh](#), [Abdul Nasser](#), [Kathleen Hipwell](#), [Matthew Porter](#)
 - All names presented were elected by acclamation.
- Adjournment was at 7:32 pm, motioned by Kathleen Hipwell.