

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: July 25, 2012 Meeting: Monthly
Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Gordon Stewart
John Baird	Tiffany Cheeks
Paul Stewart	Dave Manning
Rudy Davis	

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Kevin Stroud Seconded by Gord Stewart

Carried

Items added:

- Bay Fisheries
- Salmon Angler Survey

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 28

Moved by Paul Stewart Seconded by Kevin Stroud

Carried

Business Arising:

- Contact made to investigate Stroud's Cove. Left messages but no response.
- SWASP grant
 - No answer. Contact made to provincial but no record of application.
 - \$18000 was given to development association and was spread around.
- Website:
 - May view tonight.
 - 10 years for \$15.99
 - Motion: To purchase 10 years of website (fabec.org).
 - Moved by Paul Stewart
 - Seconded by Gord Stewart
 - Carried
- Insurance is paid.

Report on Student Activities:

- Tiffany has been working on the trout survey.
- A salmon questionnaire has been created and tested. Deemed to be too long by most anglers tested.
 - Designed for Terra Nova River.
- Went to Rodney Pond for 2 days and saw very few people.
- 2 monitors in place at the rattle in Glovertown.
- DFO permission has been granted to use their boats to travel up river.
 - Not sure if they have their boat course.
 - Suggestion to require them to do their course and then do their shifts up river.

Middle Brook Angler Survey:

- Input from guys in Corner Brook resulted in some changes to the questions.

- Not a lot of success in getting it out. Only 20 back.
- Discussion on the logistics of getting a random sample.
 - Go door to door?
 - Not a big number of anglers go to this system.
 - Is it possible to get a statistically significant sample?
 - Should we be looking to get more info on what local attitudes are so that we can suggest some ways to better manage trout populations?
 - However, this survey is part of a project by Rob Perry that has been ongoing. So, maybe the survey is fine as is?

Fishway Counts:

- July 16th – 23rd – 680 fish.
- Total up to the 23rd – 2494/2740. (1800 in total 5 years ago). TNR
 - 2108/1522 last year on Middle Brook.
 - 985 Salmon Brook
- Great returns on all three!

George's Pond:

- Still no word from Forestry on the decommissioning of the outside part of the road.
 - Very political....out of Forestry's hands.
 - Will have to go above.
 - Can we write a letter to the minister?
 - Or:
 - Could we go to the press?
 - Many letters have been written up to this point with no response.
 - Motion: To write the minister and outline all actions that have been taken. Suggest that without a plan for the decommissioning of the road, we may seek legal advice.
 - Moved by – Kevin Stroud
 - Seconded by – Paul Stewart
- A follow up to Erin Dunn on the Butt's brook regulation needs to be done as well.

Cottage Development Areas:

- Jonathan Grandy has agreed to meet with us.
 - There are no changes planned for new cottage development areas.

Budget for Next Year:

- Fish way for next year.
 - DFO may need some pressure put on them to keep fish ways open.
 - We may be able to get funding to do it ourselves.
 - Cost is \$1000 for insurance, salaries, gasoline, propane
 - We currently get \$14000 from DFO.
 - Could we get some next year from DFO.
 - We need to start in Sept/Oct to look for other possible sources of funding.
 - Push at SCNL this fall.

- We can also contact Fred Parsons in Grand Falls to see what they know about this.

Tags (2 to 4):

- Will look closely next meeting.
- We will take a conservation approach...2 extra tags would be in August.
 - This is done on another river.
- What is going on in Mollyguajek falls?
 - Are fish getting around this area.
 - Is the fish way working?
- Will discuss in September meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$10,245 from service Canada.
- Bill of \$20,750 to DFO for 1st half.
 - Motion: - To pay Tiffany Cheeks \$504.31 for travel/vehicle rental
 - Moved by Kevin Stroud
 - Seconded by Rudy Davis
 - Carried

Salmon Questionnaire:

- Group went through the survey.
 - It was reduced from the original as it was too long.
- Could the survey be done on the website.
- A couple changes were made to the survey.

Items for next meeting:

- Salmon and Trout Survey results.
- Summer projects update.
- Possible discussion on signage with DFO input.
- Budget consideration for next year.
- SCNL annual meeting.

Motion: To adjourn meeting:

- Moved by – Paul Stewart
- Seconded by – Kevin Stroud
 - Carried

Next regular meeting will be 7:30 PM, Wednesday, August 29th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown.