

(Approved at 2019 Oct. 11/19 AGM)

Margaree Salmon Association
Annual General Meeting

October 5th, 2018 - 6 p.m.

St. Patrick's Hall, Margaree Centre

Attendees – Twenty-two members signed in. Therefore a quorum was met. (15)

Regrets and Proxy votes: Liam Fraser, Sean Dacey, Lewis Hinks, Geoff Nishi, Rene' Aucoin,
Sophie Leblanc, Amber Creamer, Bill Jollymore, Lori Jollymore, Mike Allen.

Call to Order and the President's Address. Bill Haley called meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He then asked the membership for one minute of silence, to remember our friends of the Margaree river, who passed away this year. Bill then filled the membership in on what the MSA was involved with in this past year: MSA assisted with DFO (trap net, ARIS SONAR), hatchery (brood stock collection, fin-clipping), Adopt-A-Stream activities, marked kelt recapture, Eastern Pearl mussel studies etc.

MSA also was involved with a joint project with the Department of the Environment and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to repair a structure at the Breakwater pool in the Sanctuary area of the Margaree River.

MSA is still proceeding with a project involving barrier free fishing at the Lake-O-Law Provincial Park. Bill also talked extensively about MSA's involvement in the closure of the Margaree River this summer due to low and warm water conditions. DFO is going to develop warm water protocols for the Margaree River throughout the winter and members are encouraged to weigh in on this vitally important issue. When asked to participate, MSA will reach out to it's membership for input.

Adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. Motion: Greg Lovely,
Seconded by (Paul MacNeil)motion carried.

Business arising from the Minutes

Action: a letter was sent to the Minister of Fisheries, on behalf of the MSA membership, asking that no salmon be retained for the next five years.

Adoption of the Minutes of any Special Meeting Held since the last Annual Meeting.

"Warm water Protocol Meeting for the Margaree Watershed" August 12, 2018.

Minutes of this meeting were posted on MSA'S Facebook page and there is a hard copy of this and all studies and MSA meetings at the office at the Cranton Crossroads Community Center. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Meeting.

Motion: Greg Lovely, seconded by Paul MacNeil....motion carried.

Receiving and adopting of the Treasurer's Financial Statement.(John Stinson)

Many questions were asked by MSA member Anita Coady and Lester Wood. Lester Wood answered some questions to clarify the the year end, March 31st,2018.

Anita wanted to know why the ASCF grant of \$20,000.00 for this years habitat work was not reflected in the financial statements. Anita was told that the grant money had not been received until June, and would be reflected in the year end dated March 31st, 2019, MSA's Fiscal Year running from April to March of the year before our AGM.

Lester also had some questions for MSA to start thinking about sources of money to pay for normal operating expenses. These monies in the past had come from membership fees. A lot of discussion ensued from this line of enquiry.

John Stinson made the motion that the financial statements be accepted.
Seconded by Greg Lovely motion carried
See links to financial statements attached to end of this document.

Membership(John)
AS of Oct. 1/18
Regular: 70 NS, 13 ROC, 30 US = 113
Life Members: 44NS, 13 ROC, 38 US, 4 other= 99

Reports from Affiliation Representatives

Pat Wall spoke on behalf of both Wild Salmon Unlimited and the Inverness South Anglers Association (ISAA), Geoff Nishi being unable to attend.

The ISAA is involved in many projects improving habitat of many river systems, including; Graham's, Mabou, Broad Cove and Captains. The ISAA now has a 5 year, multi-million dollar plan to restore habitat in the South Mabou river designed by Charles MacInnis and Nicholas MacInnis. The South Mabou watershed was used for training Adopt-A-Stream crewmembers this year.

Wild Salmon Unlimited has hired a Master's student Seth Jenks, whose research involves the efficacy of hatcheries as a management tool for the restoration of Atlantic salmon population to levels seen back in the 1970s. Seth's information was obtained primarily through internet searches and interviews of the many "stakeholders" of Atlantic salmon.

The printed version will be available for distribution near the end of this October.

Sneak preview of some of the results show that the most cost effective way to restore salmon populations is with habitat restoration. Also improved communication between affiliate groups needs to happen to better concentrate our efforts especially with NGO'S run primarily by volunteers. As well, it appears that kelt rejuvenation and wild smolt to adult introduction seems to be achieving good results.

Darryl Murrant, Inland Fisheries, gave a good overview of the work hatcheries, (Margaree and Fraser Mills), are doing to introduce hatchery reared par and smolts back into many rivers including the Grahams, Mabou, Middle, Baddeck, Margaree, West river Antigonish, West river Sheet Harbour, West river Pictou. Darryl also told Joel Robinson that there may be some money from the habitat fund to help out with the barrier free fishing project MSA hopes to get off the ground early next year.

Darryl also advised groups to get involved with the fish friends program and the learn to fish program headed up by Amber Creamer, also from Inland Fisheries.
Darryl also told us the Margaree hatchery now has a new supervisor, Mr. Jamie Vallis.

Report of the Resolutions Committee and call for adoption of each Resolution. Bill Haley reported that MSA received no resolutions in 2018.

Discussion of Proposed Bylaw changes (Final Draft....John Stinson)

After a lengthy discussion mostly between MSA member Lester Wood and John Stinson, it was decided that removal section 2A was in order. Motion by Lester Wood, seconded by Pat Wall....motion carried.

John Stinson discussed several proposed changes and why: that the number of Directors on the MSA Board be limited to 15, that honorary membership be removed, that gender neutral wording be used, etc. John Stinson moved the proposed Bylaw changes be accepted....seconded by Anita Coadymotion carried.

Reports of other Committees.

Joel Robinson spoke in detail about the proposed barrier free fishing platform for the Lake -O-Law Provincial Park. It appears permission has been granted to MSA to proceed with this project. With the cost of \$7000-\$11,000 for the floating dock and ramp, MSA plans on fundraising with the help of Inland Fisheries and the habitat fund and perhaps some funding through the Municipality of Inverness county (Lori Cranton, local Inverness Councillor).

Paul MacNeil then filled the membership in on the files he is running including; Adopt-A-Stream, Search for MSA Conservation Coordinator and AAS Supervisor. Many tributary structures were completed by a workforce of two, because MSA'S AAS crew supervisor got a job with DFO.

MSA is now searching for a new supervisor, another AAS worker and a Conservation Coordinator that we would like to have in place by next year.

Greg Lovely then presented work from his files, including the ARIS SONAR, (adaptive resolution imaging sonar), Eastern Pearl mussel study and the Breakwater Pool project. For more information on these subjects, all the information has been placed on MSA'S Facebook page.

Bill Haley, (newsletter, Cormack award) Bill advised the membership that because of last minute decisions, that there will be no Fall newsletter put out by MSA this year. Also, because the winner of the Cormack award declined the award, there will be no recipient of this award this year.

Report of the Nomination Committee Bill Haley

Election of Directors:

Bill Haley informed the membership that several MSA Directors, whose terms were up, had offered to stay on as Directors. Also an additional 4 names were put forward. The names of those individuals to be voted on by the membership include; Joe Googoo Senior, Keith Christmas, Peter Mancini, Roderick Byrd, Greg Lovely, Leonard Forsyth, Eugene Leblanc and Wayne Cleveland.

There was a call for further nominations from the floor. (3 times).

Each nominated person accepted their nominations and each name was voted on, individually and were passed unanimously, by the membership.

A few Directors left the Board this year and MSA thanks them for their contributions and wishes them the best. Emma Garden, Jack Aikens, Beverly MacMillan and Bert Hart are no longer Directors on the MSA Board.

New Business.

Eugene Leblanc brought up the issue of not being able to catch and eat a salmon in the Margaree River. He was very disappointed that the membership instructed the MSA Board to send a letter to the Minister of Fisheries, asking that the Margaree River remain closed to any kind of a retention fishery for five years. He stated that quite likely that he will never get to see the day that as a resident of the Margaree will ever gets to eat a wild Margaree salmon again.

Many members had their say at the meeting expressing different points of view on the retention of recreationally angled salmon. It was decided that science was the deciding factor, thus ending the discussion.

Adjournment of Business Meeting...Pat Wall

Respectfully submitted by Greg Lovely (Secretary Margaree Salmon Association)

MARGARET SALMON ASSOCIATION
 Financial Statement for the year ended March 31" 2018

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I. Statement of Receipts and Expenses.

| | 2017 | 2018 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| RECEIPTS: | | |
| Grants: | | |
| - Adopt A Stream | 14,204 | 17,888 |
| -AC/OA | 0 | 29,182 |
| - Rivl.T Rcstor.:nion | 2,700 | 46,372 |
| Donations | 7,565 | 795 |
| Investments | 62,220 | 0 |
| Fundraising: | 13,778 | 14,308 |
| Membership; | 3,960 | 3,800 |
| In te rest | 10,220 | 3,668 |
| 11ST Rcbsles | | 5,324 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 114,647 | 121,227 |
| EXPENSES: | | |
| Habitat restoration and enhancement | 64,630 | 58,236 |
| Benches | 300 | 160 |
| sl"-:;i) Projccls | 16,113 | 41,918 |
| l'uo<lr:lisiug | 4,277 | 4,281 |
| Memberships | 794 | 261 |
| Printing & supplies/Website | 1,424 | 1,527 |
| Travel | 491 | 522 |
| on;ce | 428 | 528 |
| Insur:incc | 2,948 | 2,655 |
| Meetings/Trndc Shows | 0 | 1,786 |
| Rent | 1,000 | 3,000 |
| <llioeSetupl<:ompuwrll'ckpho11c/Slaff | 0 | 18,187 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | 94,488 | 133,263 |
| NET Revenue (Loss) | 19,159 | (11,926) |
| OPERATING EQUITY (HJN) | | |
| -Beginning Balance | 9,771 | 28,980 |
| -Closing Balance | 28,980 | 17,054 |

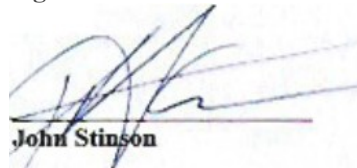
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2. OPERATING EQUITY FINANCING comprising:

| | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Bank Accounts: <icneral operating | 3,630 | 9,312 |
| Projc..("..") | 14,747 | 34,924 |
| Investment | 182,648 | 142,075 |
| Endowment | 1,943,633 | 1,980,218 |
| In Trust Accounts | | |
| Accounts Receivable-HST refund | 1,733 | 1,083 |
| TOTAL | 2,146,391 | 2,147,612 |
| Less | | |
| Restricted Accounts | | |
| Deferred | 2,117,461 | 2,152,410 |
| NET TOTAL EQUITY | 28,930 | 17,054 |
| TOTAL | 2,146,391 | 2,169,464 |

Signed:



John Stinson

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