

(APPROVED AT Oct. 9, 2020 AGM)

## Margaree Salmon Association

### Annual General Meeting

October 11th, 2019 at 7 pm • St. Patrick's Hall, Margaree Center

**Attendees:** Wendy MacEachern, Bill Haley, Joel Robinson, Eugene LeBlanc, Wayne Cleveland, Leonard Forsyth, Paul MacNeil, Greg Lovely, Peter Mancini, Alan Moore, Susie Moore, Donald Ingraham, Donald MacLean, Lester Wood, John Stinson, Charles Thompson, Jamie Vallis, Keith Christmas, Joe Googoo, Robert Kanchuck, Kris Hunter.

**Regrets:** James Smith, Roderick Bird, Julie Lovely, Brittany Polley

**-Call to Order and the President's address:** Bill Haley brought the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Bill told the members present that the Margaree Salmon Association, (MSA) had a very busy year. Those subjects discussed included: what our habitat restoration crew did this summer, the Kids Learn To Fish Programme, the Celtic Colours Learn To Fly Fish event, assistance with the Margaree hatchery, marked kelt recapture, assisting at DFO's smolt wheel and our involvement in developing a warm water protocol for the Margaree river.

MSA also completed two major projects this year, the barrier free accessibility project and the Breakwater Pool berm repair.

Joel Robinson headed this Barrier Free, (Accessibility), Project and not only obtained funding for the project but also assembled the dock and ramp and moved everything to the Lake-O-Law Provincial Park---after assisting in the installation of railings at Earl's Manufacturing! He was also 'on site' for the construction work, (ramp, picnic table pad, etc.), done by Tompkins construction. MSA had pledged \$15,000 to this project and external funding was obtained with grants from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage-Communities Access grant and The Nova Scotia Dept. of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Sport fish Habitat Fund. Each granted MSA \$10,000. Through the assistance of our local Councillor Laurie Cranton, the Municipality of the County of Inverness also stepped up, pledging \$9,000 that Joel is now hoping to use to make the washrooms at the park more accessible, (they are not now!)

As to the Berm remediation, Bill explained that MSA had decided to do the Berm Remediation project even without external funding and pledged \$150,000.00. In the end, MSA did obtain external funding: \$50,000 from the Canadian Nature Fund for Aquatic Species At Risk, (Adopt-A-Stream's Amy Weston), and \$20,000 from Inverness County.

Bill then reminded the members present at tonight's meeting of our dinner and auction Saturday night, (6PM-10PM), the Year of the Salmon event at the Margaree hatchery VIC, (10a.m.-2pm), and the Celtic Colors Learn to Fly fish event being held at the Old Miller Trout Farm, (2pm-4pm), Wednesday October 16th)

**Cormack Award:** Bill Haley presented the Cormack award to Joel Robinson for his dedication to the barrier free accessibility project, which will allow any fishermen with mobility issues to enjoy recreational angling like everyone else. Joel said a few words, thanking the association for the honour but commenting that there were several on the board who were deserving of this award and how much he enjoyed working on this particular board, where the group interacted well and were active.

This is the second time Joel has been honoured by receiving this award.

**-Adopting the minutes of the 2018 MSA AGM:** motion by Greg Lovely, that the minutes of last years MSA AGM be accepted...second (Paul MacNeil)...motion carried.

**-Business arising from the minutes**

**Bylaw changes recommended at last AGM:** Bill informed the members that suggested changes to our by laws made at last year's AGM were submitted to Joint Stocks for approval shortly after last year's AGM. Nothing had been returned by Joint Stocks so we assume they were in order and we would be operating under those Bylaws, going forward.

**-Adopting the minutes of any Special MSA meetings held in 2019:**There were no special meetings this year.

**-Receiving and adopting the Treasurer's financial report for 2019:** John Stinson made the motion that the financial statements be accepted for the year-end, (April 1, 2018 to March 31,2019). Seconded by Peter Mancini.....motion carried. (*This report attached at end of Minutes*).

**-Membership report:** John Stinson explained to the members that MSA has an active membership of roughly 200 Regular and Life Members.

**-Guest Speaker, (Donald MacLean).** Pres. Bill then introduced Donald MacLean, scientist, author and avid angler, former director of NS Inland Fisheries, NS Dept. of Aquaculture and Fisheries. In his presentation, Don explained his connections with the Margaree River and the MSA since the association formed in 1982. That was the same year Donald graduated with his Masters degree from Memorial University in Newfoundland, (MUN), and began his long career. Donald told us he had worked with many people in the Margaree and mentioned specifically Leonard Forsyth, who ran the hatchery for DFO, and Carl Ross who worked there. Donald told us he watched the Margaree hatchery change hands from DFO to ADAM then to NS Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture and said he is glad it is still in operation, where so many other hatcheries in Nova Scotia have closed. Donald said that in 1975 there were very few salmon in the Margaree with only 100 salmon angled that year. That was what initiated the introduction of Rocky Brook Salmon from the Mirimachi into the Margaree.

Donald will be doing a presentation at the Margaree hatchery on Sunday for the International Year of the Salmon event. He said although it is nice to have an Internationally recognised event, it is the grassroots work being done by local organizations like the Margaree Salmon Association that are going to save Atlantic salmon.

Donald ended his presentation telling our membership the economic impact recreational angling has nationally. (18.9 billion dollars), and in Nova Scotia alone,(550 million dollars).

<https://www.ofah.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Economic-Footprint-Analysis-ofAHTS.pdf>

<https://www.conferenceboard.ca/research/angling-hunting-trapping-and-sportshooting?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

**Report of the Resolutions committee and call for adoption of each resolution:** No resolutions were received this year.

**-Margaree Salmon Association 2019 projects:** Paul MacNeil told the members about the wonderful work our habitat restoration crew did this year including riparian zone planting at Big brook and Marsh brook. Greg talked about the Breakwater pool berm repair and Joel gave some additional details about the barrier free accessibility project.

**-Report of the Nomination Committee:** Peter Mancini informed the membership that two names were nominated this year; Wendy MacEachern for Director and Bill Haley to serve a second term as MSA President. He then asked the membership three times if there were any other names from the floor. None were given.

Peter Mancini moved that Wendy MacEachern be accepted as a Director for the Margaree salmon Association...seconded by Eugene Leblanc....**mc**  
Mancini then moved that Bill Haley be accepted as MSA President for a second 3 year term. Seconded by Susie Moore....**mc**

**-New Business:** Wayne Cleveland asked that Greg Lovely share his perspectives gained from watching a recent Atlantic Salmon Conservation Fund webinar by Dr. Pascale Biron. Greg explained to the membership that watershed rehabilitation techniques are changing and that it is no longer recommended to remove woody debris and beaver dams from waterways. Greg then suggested the membership visit the ASCF website to watch their very informative webinars.

Here is the link to Dr. Pascale Biron's lecture.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FL3Auf2HZ6c&authuser=0>

Stinson asked group in attendance how many were on FaceBook. (not many). He commented that it was challenging to get info to members in a timely fashion but board was trying.

**Adjournment of Business Meeting:** motion by Peter Mancini

## MARGAREE SALMON ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement for the year beginning April 1/18 & ending March 31, 2019.

RECEIPTS

EXPENSES

|                               |               |                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Grants</b> -Adopt a Stream | 17,000        | <b>Admin</b> :-Office               | 5925             |
| -Accessibility                | 10,000        | -AGM Expenses                       | 100              |
| -ASCF 2018                    | 20,000        | -Gifts/Donations                    | 240              |
| -Learn to Fish                | 181           | -Memberships                        | 100              |
| -RFCPP 17                     | 2,600         | -Newsletter                         | 2,936            |
| -RFCPP 18                     | 23,400        | -Webcam                             | 27               |
| <b>Donations</b>              | 1,433         | -Website                            | 386              |
| <b>Fundraising</b> -Raffle    | 1,048         | -C. Union Charges                   | 402              |
| -Dinner/Auction               | 9,003         | <b>Habitat Restoration</b>          |                  |
| <b>Memberships</b>            | 4,510         | -AAS Expense                        | 2,473            |
| <b>Merchandise Sales,</b>     | 381           | -Staff salaries/Exp                 | 42,982           |
| <b>Interest</b>               | <u>809</u>    | -GIS Camera                         | 747              |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>90,365</b> | -Bench                              | 100              |
|                               |               | <b>Projects</b> :Accessibility      | 7,768            |
|                               |               | -MADA Support                       | 1,000            |
|                               |               | <b>Fundraising Exp:</b>             |                  |
|                               |               | -Canada Helps                       | 27               |
|                               |               | -PayPal                             | 72               |
|                               |               | -Dinner/Auction exp                 | 2,277            |
|                               |               | -Raffle Costs                       | 729              |
|                               |               | -Grant Costs                        | 15               |
|                               |               | -Trade Show costs                   | 215              |
|                               |               | -Learn to Fish                      | 158              |
|                               |               | -Merchandise Costs                  | 540              |
|                               |               | <b>Insurance</b> : Liability/tenant | 1,600            |
|                               |               | <b>Directors Exp</b> : Misc         | 1,136            |
|                               |               | -Directors' Insurance,              | <u>1,015</u>     |
|                               |               | <b>Total Expenses:</b>              |                  |
|                               |               | <b>73970 Net Income:</b>            |                  |
|                               |               | <b>\$16,395</b>                     |                  |
| Cumulative Income, b/fwd      |               |                                     | <u>\$17,004</u>  |
| Prior Period Adjustment       |               |                                     | \$33,399         |
| NET CUMULATIVE INCOME         |               |                                     | <u>\$ -5,806</u> |
|                               |               |                                     | \$27,593         |

## 2. OPERATING EQUITY FUND

March 31/19

|  |       |             |
|--|-------|-------------|
| Bank accounts -General                     | \$    | 5,162       |
| -Project                                   | \$    | 3,798       |
| -US Acct                                   | \$    | 543         |
| Investment, HISA & GIC                     | \$    | 176,973     |
| Endowment                                  |       | \$2,054,443 |
| Accts. Receivable, HST (Sept 18 to Mar.19) | \$    | 2490        |
| Prepaid Rent, (to Dec. 2023)               | \$    | 15,600      |
|  | TOTAL | \$2,259,009 |

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|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| Restricted accounts | TOTAL | \$2,231,416      |
| Cumulative Income   |       | <u>\$ 27,593</u> |
|                     |       | \$2,259,009      |

Signed

John Stinson, Treasurer

Bill Haley, President

Date: .....

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NOTES: In July a cheque for \$18,300 was made out to Cranton Crossroads Community Centre to prepay rent at \$300 a month until Dec. 2023

For the 2018 season there were only 3 people hired on the Stream restoration crew and one in the office. One of the stream crew left in Sept.