

Medway River Salmon Association

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Time of Meeting: 7:00pm

Date of Meeting: 24 January 2018
Location of Meeting: Mill Village Fire Hall

Representing: Medway River and Environs

Quorum Requirements: 15 **Attendance:** 18

Exec: Michael Fralic, President
 Vice President
 Reg Rafuse, Treasurer
 Jo-Ann Holden, Secretary

Guest: **Regrets:**

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CALL TO ORDER		
<p>1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Michael Fralic.</p> <p>2. Minutes from 10 October 2017 were reviewed and approved.</p>		
3. OLD BUSINESS		
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27.05.14-15	Michael F. will head a membership drive for the association and he will resurrect the Newsletter (or a facsimile) of the newsletter Darrell had edited and forwarded to members. Update 24 January 18: For updates from previous minutes refer to updates on 10 Oct. 2017 minutes. Ongoing since 18 Nov. '14. Still in progress.	A Michael
03.11.15-09	Learn to Fish: NS Fisheries and Aquaculture is interested in the 'learn to fish' program. Horace will coordinate a 'one-day event' working with the Jr. High School students. Andrew Lowles and Alan McNeill will be kept in the loop. Update 26 January 2016: Horace will be in touch with Andrew Lowles and Alan McNeill. Update 31 May 16: Horace unavailable for meeting; therefore, no update. Update 20 December 16: Horace unavailable for meeting; therefore, no update. Update 31 January 17: Horace unavailable for the meeting; therefore, no update. Update 26 April 17: Horace unavailable for the meeting; therefore, no update. Update 10 Oct 17: No update. Will leave on minutes until the AGM. Update 24 January 18: <i>Item will be removed from minutes and considered closed as there has been no action since January 2016.</i>	Closed

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26.01.16-12	<p>McGowan Fish Hatchery needs to be expanded. Moved and seconded, 'A letter is to be written to NS Dept. Of Fisheries, Inland Division, to express the need for more containment for hatching and growing trout at McGowan's.' Michael and Horace will put points to paper and forward to the Minister.</p> <p>Update 31 May 16: Michael has drafted a letter to NS Inland Fisheries in support of an expansion to McGowan Fish Hatchery.</p> <p>Update 20 December 16: Mike sent a letter to Keith Colwell and is awaiting a reply. The letter included an invitation to join Michael on the river for a day of fishing, as well as MRSA's expression of support for the growth of McGowan's. Further discussed was the need for policing poachers, and potential fencing at the hatchery.</p> <p>Update 31 January 17: MRSA received a response from Keith Colwell, Minister NS Fisheries and Aquaculture, regarding the angling potential on the Medway and the role of the provincial hatcheries. Keith suggests a meeting with the Inland Fisheries Division staff, in late winter, to further discuss ideas. Darryl Murrant, Manager of Enhancement is to contact Michael to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>Keith is interested in enjoying a day of fishing on the Medway. Michael and Ronnie will avail themselves to Keith.</p> <p>Update 26 April 17: Darryl has not contacted Michael; therefore, Michael will contact Darryl.</p> <p>Update 10 Oct 17: Michael received letter of 'thanks' from Keith Colwell for the support MRSA expressed in regards to an expansion at McGowan Fish Hatchery.</p> <p>Darryl Murrant and Michael have not communicated to discuss 'the angling potential on the Medway' or 'the role of the provincial hatcheries.'</p> <p>Update 24 January 18: Due to lack of communication between Darryl Murrant and Michael membership discussed and agreed to invite Mike MacNeil to a meeting to discuss the role of NS Inland Fisheries. Michael will contact members of the Salmon Assoc. from the Margaree area to discuss 'special status' that may be available on Margaree River.</p>	A	Michael
20.12.16-06	<p>Facebook. Mitchell Alexander will review MRSA's Facebook page to see how it may be further promoted. Mitchell may want to start with Horace for information. Jay and Horace were instrumental in creating the FB page.</p> <p>Update 31 January 17: Mitchell unavailable for the meeting.</p> <p>Update 26 April 17: Mitchell unavailable for the meeting.</p> <p>Update 10 Oct 17: No Update</p> <p>Update 24 Jan 18: No Update</p>	A	Mitchell
31.01.17-06	<p>Lime – the pH has not been tested at the Charleston Hatchery. Mike McNeil from McGowan's Hatchery will be contacted regarding lime.</p> <p>Update 26 April 17: Michael will collect the pH equipment from Brian Dulude. <u>See new business 26.01.17-12 regarding lime.</u></p> <p>Update 10 Oct 17: Michael will email Brian Dulude regarding the equipment. Ronnie has a set of walkie talkies that belong to MRSA. Ronnie will continue to store the walkie talkies.</p> <p>Update 24 January 18: Michael has not yet been in touch with Brian regarding the equipment.</p>	A	Michael

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26.04.17-12	<p>Michael proposed that the association restart a liming project. Lime will be distributed at a number of salmon spawning areas along the Medway. Michael will start the leg work involved for the project, ie. obtaining permits, type of lime required, purchase of lime, storage of lime, distribution of lime, time line for installation of lime, etc. Estimation of length of time required to complete the project is 6-8 months. Once Michael has collected the information required he will arrange an Environmental Committee meeting to put the plans in action.</p> <p>Update 10 Oct 17: Rob Harlow has indicated to Michael that 4/5 truck loads of lime are available to MRSA. The lime has been stored for a number of years and it is time to relocate it to sites decided by MRSA. Michael will inquire as to whether Harlow Construction will deliver. Michael will contact Mike McNeil, McGowan's, regarding required permits.</p> <p>Before any lime goes into the watershed, adjacent water is to have pH tested.</p> <p>Update 24 January 18: Once spring weigh restrictions are removed from the roads the lime will be delivered and dumped at Horace's property. The need of permits to disperse lime into the watershed will still have to be investigated. Amy Weston, NS Adopt a Stream, will be contacted as well as Mike McNeil. Discussed was the method in which the lime will be dispersed, ie. spreaders and stone slingers. The acquisition of the lime is a result of 'leftover' lime from the now defunct Jordan River Association.</p>	A	Michael
10.10.17-02	<p>Environmental Committee Report – Ronnie will coordinate the 'adipose fin' clipping at McGowan's with members from MRSA once Mike MacNeil has established the date that Inland Fisheries will be working on this project. Ronnie will discuss the availability of fish for the Charleston Hatchery and the Fish Friends School Projects with Mike at McGowan's. He will keep Michael F. in the loop.</p> <p>To date there are no environment meetings scheduled. If an idea presents itself to Ronnie he will then get in touch with the Enviro. Committee. The lime project mentioned, Item 26.04.17-12, will be coordinated through the Enviro. Committee.</p> <p>Update 24 January 18: See Environmental Committee Report in New Business</p>	I	Ronnie
10.10.17-07	<p>Students for the Greenfield School had written a letter to the Dept. Of Environment regarding the sludge from Freeman's Lumber Mill seeping into the Medway River. Michael will follow up with Dawn Uhlman, Principal of Greenfield School for further information. The students should be commended for taking action regarding their concerns.</p> <p>Update 24 January 18: No update</p>	A	Michael
10.10.17-09	<p>An email was received, from St. Mary's University, regarding a Community-Based Environmental Monitoring Network. The email was handed over to Michael. He will follow up with the sender.</p> <p>Update 24 January 18: Mike will follow up.</p>	A	Michael

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10.10.17-11	Dell will purchase a tarp and cover the existing lime on site at the Charleston Fire Hall. Update 24 January 18: A tarp has not yet been purchased; therefore, lime is not covered.	A	Dell
4. NEW BUSINESS			
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24.01.18-01	Treasurers Report – Treasurers report was distributed and approved by membership. Cash balance as at 31 December 2017 = \$16,102.95	I	
24.01.18-02	Environmental Committee Report – Due to the small size of the trout, MRSA was not required to assist at McGowans Lake in clipping the adipose fin. NS Inland Fisheries will still place fish within the Medway River system before the fishing season. Ronnie is gearing up towards another year of Fish Friends. A replacement tank will have to be purchased for the Greenfield School. Motion was carried to purchase a new tank. SQJH's tank should be set up next week in preparation for eggs. Ronnie is awaiting word as to which teacher will be responsible for the Fish Friend program before the equipment at Wickwire Elementary is installed. Incubator boxes will be installed at the Charleston Hatchery Saturday @ 1:00, 27 Jan. Ronnie pointed out that egg mortality during transportation is greater as the eggs age so the sooner Charleston Hatchery is ready to receive eggs the better.	I	
24.01.18-03	Fundraising Committee Report – MRSA is now in possession of a quantity of the book written by Doug Underhill, titled 'Bryant Freeman, All Things Fishing' topic - salmon, fly tying, etc. See Item 20.12.16-07 for further detail. Of the 35 purchased by MRSA, 11 have been sold. There are 24 remaining. Please consider these for birthday/Christmas gifts. <i>Michael will bring a couple books to the next meeting. Purchase price \$15.00.</i> MRSA was the recipient of \$1,000 cheque as a result of a fine payment being directed to the Association.	A	Michael
24.01.18-04	Social Committee Report – During the fall Lane's again hosted classes on Tying Flies under the direction of Brian Dulude. For further scheduling of classes contact Brian.	I	
24.01.18-05	President's Report – Issues as indicated in minutes.	I	
24.01.18-06	Membership renewal took place at the beginning of the meeting. The President welcomed New and Old members	I	

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24.01.18-07	2018 being an ' Election of Officers ' year the Executive resigned their positions to make way for election of officers.	I	
24.01.18-08	Election Officer to Chair the election of officers: John Pierce was selected as he Election Officer.	I	
24.01.18-09	<p>As per MRSA By-Laws Election of Officers occurs during the Annual General Meeting – Bi-Annually. 2018 is an election year. The executive retired from office. At which time John Pierce, Election Officer, chaired the 'election of offices.' Nominations were held for the four offices. For three offices the incumbents were unchallenged, therefore, retaining their offices by acclamation. The office of Vice-President did not receive any nominations; therefore, that position remains open.</p> <p>Executive for 2018/2019 is: President: Michael Fralic Vice President: Open Treasurer: Reg Rafuse Secretary: Jo-Ann Holden</p>	I	

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	<i>PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO MRSA</i>		
	Southern Upland Collaborative Project:		
	Clean Water Symposium:		
	Wild Salmon Unlimited:		Michael Fralic
	Western Region Crown Land Stakeholders: (formerly Mersey Woodlands Advisory Committee) Brief review of meeting attended in late spring.		Brian Holden
5.	The next meeting to be at 7:00 pm 18 April 2018.		
6.	On a motion the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm		

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