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03.11.15-09	<p>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.</p> <p>Update 26 January 2016: Horace will be in touch with Andrew Lowles and Alan McNeill.</p> <p>Update 31 May 16: Horace unavailable for meeting; therefore, no update.</p> <p>Update 20 December 16: Horace unavailable for meeting; therefore, no update.</p> <p>Update 31 January 17: Horace unavailable for the meeting; therefore, no update.</p> <p>Update 26 April: Horace unavailable for the meeting; therefore, no update.</p>	A	Horace
03.11.15-10	<p>New Government, New Attempt.... Michael and Horace will attempt to coordinate with the Lahave River Assoc. and Gold River Assoc. to craft a letter to Bernadette Jordan, MP South Shore, to introduce the three associations with vested interest in the three salmon rivers in her riding. Once completed a copy will be sent to membership to use as guidance in submitting personal letters to Bernadette.</p> <p>Update 26 January 2016: A letter was sent to Bernadette Jordan, MP, at her Ottawa address. MRSA has not received a response. Michael will follow up.</p> <p>Update 31 May 16: Michael met with Bernadette in March. Bernadette is on the DFO Advisory Committee. An agenda has been established for the committee. The committee will begin in Western Canada. Atlantic Salmon is on the agenda slated for review this fall. Michael indicates that Bernadette is willing to push for the Atlantic Salmon. Michael will follow up, with Bernadette, during the summer. Queens County Fish & Game are preparing a letter to forward to Bernadette in support of the Atlantic Salmon.</p> <p>Update 20 December 16: Members of a Salmon Advisory Committee will be announced in January. Michael will extend an invitation to Bernadette to host her for a day of fishing on the Medway.</p> <p>Update 31 January 17: Michael met with Bernadette of 5 January. The Salmon Advisory Committee will push ahead with recommendations on Atlantic Salmon at the meeting with DFO. DFO has 3 months to respond to 'how or what will be done' regarding recommendations. Michael will update members during the next meeting.</p> <p>Michael and Bernadette are aiming for a fishing date during the last two weeks of April. Michael will get in touch with Ronnie.</p> <p>Update 26 April: The Salmon Advisory Committee's mandate is to bring back salmon to reflect 1975 numbers. It appears that DFO is only interested in protection not enhancement of the Atlantic Salmon. Until salmon is listed on the endangered list DFO appears not to be committed to enhancement.</p>	C	

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<p>26.01.16-03</p>	<p>Fundraising Committee Report – Plans are underway for the Annual Turkey Dinner – 1 May, Charleston Fire Hall. The bottle drive is ongoing. If you have bottles you would like to donate get in touch with Cindy or Raymond. Horace will make application for the Lottery Permit: 1st prize the canoe, 2nd prize the Peter Gough print.</p> <p>Update 31 May 16: Lottery has been put on hold for now. MRSA is prepared to sell canoe outright. See item 18.11.14-15.</p> <p>Due to a conflict with the Charleston Fire Hall MRSA was unable to move forward with the Annual Dinner. The dinner has been rescheduled, tentatively, 25 September. Look for an email in the future regarding the dinner.</p> <p>Update 20 December 16: As indicated in item 18.11.14-15 the canoe has been raffled! Dinner was postponed until further notice. September date did not work for those involved in the coordination. A new date will be established during the AGM in January.</p> <p>Update 31 January 17: The date agreed upon for the Annual Dinner is 7 May 2017, Charleston Fire Hall. PLEASE PLAN TO ASSIST CINDY IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE!</p> <p>Update 26 April: MRSA will host the Annual Fundraiser Dinner in the Fall.</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>Cindy</p>
<p>26.01.16-12</p>	<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: Darryl has not contacted Michael; therefore, Michael will</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>Michael</p>

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31.05.16-02	<p>Action Required from Environmental Committee Report – Fish were released from the Charleston hatchery into Wentworth and Salters Brooks. Some trout were able to free themselves from the incubation boxes and found a home in the waterway around the hatchery; otherwise, minimal loss was sustained. Fish have been released from 3 schools involved in the Fish Friend program. The Jr. High is the only remaining school to release the fish. Ronnie received a card from Greenfield School thanking him, Dell and the Association for the program. The Fish Friend program will continue next year. Eggs will be ordered again this fall for the hatchery. There is enough room to increase the number of eggs at the hatchery by installing 3 more incubators, each having 3 layers within the incubator.</p> <p>DFO have slated a meeting for 7 June in Truro. Ronnie was invited to speak on the Fish Friend program. He has indicated that there is a small chance he may attend but it is very unlikely.</p> <p>Ronnie will coordinate a meeting with the Environmental Committee. One agenda item will be the erection of signage/posters along Medway to identify fishing locations by names.</p> <p>Update 20 December 16: Discussion on the installation of signage/posters was deferred until after the General Meeting in January.</p> <p>Update 26 April: item will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>	A	Ronnie
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: Mitchell unavailable for the meeting.</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. See new business 26.01.17-12 regarding lime.</p>	A	Michael
31.01.17.07	<p>Article regarding a MRSA membership drive will be published in the Advance. See item 27.05.14-15</p> <p>Update 26 April: See item 27.05.14-15</p>	C	
31.01.17-08	<p>Michael will try to attend the ASF 2017 Atlantic Salmon Forum February 15.</p> <p>Update 26 April 17: Michael was unable to attend.</p>	C	

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31.01.17-11	<p>NS Dept. Of Environment has legislated the need for industries to correct problems with run off entering the watershed as a result of their business activities. Follow up will be ongoing with industry along the Medway.</p> <p>Update 26 April: A \$300.00 fine was presented to the association for breaching the Environmental Act. Membership will remain vigilant as to the runoff entering the Medway.</p>	C	
4. NEW BUSINESS			
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26.04.17-01	Treasurers Report – Treasurers report was distributed and approved by membership.	I	
26.04.17-02	Environmental Committee Report – Ronnie was able to provide fish for the Fish Friends program in the Jr. High School (Middle School). They are ready to be released. Michael mention a teacher at Wickwire had, in the past, been involved with the program. The teacher was impressed with the interest the students exhibited, but question why the students didn't release the fish. Ronnie explained the logistics with the student transportation to the site of release...it was not practical.	I	
26.04-03	Fundraising Committee Report – Cindy and Dell are still collecting recyclables for the association. If you have any you would like to donate get in touch with them. <i>See item 20.12.16-07 'Book on Lou and Brian Freeman authored by Doug Underhill.</i> Michael is now in possession of 30 books for sale. The price is \$15.00/book. Michael will have them available for sale at the next meeting.	I	
26.04.17-04	Social Committee Report – Brian Dulude was absent. Brian Holden and Michael discussed the Fly Tying at Lanes during Feb. and March. Lanes had messaged Brian D. to express their willingness to engage the 'club' next year.	I	
26.04.17-05	President's Report – Issues as indicated in minutes.	I	
26.04.17-06	Carl Shannon, Bear Falls Campground had emailed the association regarding membership and the possibility of a fundraiser. The email was shared with membership. Comments were favourable, so when Carl is available to attend we will follow up with his suggestions.	I	
26.04.17-07	The association has had reports of numerous beavers along the Medway, and can we as an association do anything about them. No we cannot. Persons of interest should direct their queries to Dept. Natural Resources, Jamie Brown.	I	

26.04.17-08	Brian Holden and Dell Nauss will attend the Western Region Crown Land (formerly Mersey Woodlands Advisory Committee) Stakeholder meeting 24 May at McGowan's Lake.	A	Brian, Dell
26.04.17-09	Clean up River Rd. – 4 June 2017, Sunday at 9:00. BBQ to follow. Clean up will cover the area from Charleston Fire Hall to Dean's Brook....depending on the turnout of workers.	A	membership
26.04.17-10	MRSA garbage receptacles are being used regularly. Dell will look after emptying the receptacle at the first bridge.	I	
26.04.17-11	Michael answered a question that arose during the last meeting. 'Will water be diverted from the Medway to the Mersey during and after NSP work on the dam system on the Mersey?' No, there will be no diversion of water by NSP according to an NSP rep. Also, the dam at McGowan's will be decommissioned.	I	
26.04.17-12	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.	A	Michael
26.04.17-13	Dell and Raymond have presented a project to the membership. They propose that a 'pond' on the lands of Raymond's brother be equipped with trout, trout food and netting to encourage to growth of trout, which will then be released into the Medway. These trout will be purchased (or donated) from McGowan's Hatchery and be allowed to grow to a reasonable size before release. The pond has a flow of water in and out of the contained area and seems a good spot for such a project. The netting will be used at the intake and outflow of water. Dell and Raymond will be the go to people and caretakers of the pond. Ronnie has volunteered to approach Mike MacNeil, at McGowans for info regarding the trout.	A	Dell, Raymond, Ronnie
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	<i>PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO MRSA</i>		
	Southern Upland Collaborative Project:		Bev Davison
	Clean Water Symposium:		Bev Davison

	Wild Salmon Unlimited:		Michael Fralic
	Western Region Crown Land Stakeholders: (formerly Mersey Woodlands Advisory Committee)		
5.	The next meeting to be at 7:00 pm October 2017.		
6.	On a motion the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm		

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