

**BRWA  
Annual General Meeting  
November 26, 2020  
Minutes  
ZOOM Meeting**

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**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Barb Bosh called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm and welcomed members and guests to the BRWA AGM.

Approx. 38 people attended the AGM

Current directors in attendance were:

- Al Corbett
- Lorne Ferguson
- Preston Weran
- Melissa Orr-Langner
- Khalil Ahmed
- Midge Lambert
- Diane Hanson
- Peter Pullishy
- Barb Bosh
- Greg King

Barb thank everyone for attending in these different times right now. We hope everyone is healthy and staying safe with the increase in cases we currently are experiencing. Sarah provided the Treaty Six Acknowledgement. Also recognition that part of the watershed is also in Treaty 7 land. The board of directors and staff introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Al Corbett and seconded by Melissa Orr-Langner approve the agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST AGM**

Barb asked if there were any errors or omissions from the previous minutes. Motion by Preston Weran and Khalil Amhed to accept the 2019 minutes as presented with the noted change..

Date for AGM changed due to pandemic.

**Board Report**

Over the past year we have been working closely with NSWA on the Riparian Intactness project which was funded through CAP program. The project is using Satellite imagery to inspect 7000 km throughout the watershed and develop an online web portal to share the information with a boarder audience. Working on Riparian video project with Dr. Robert

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Thirsk, a Canadian astronaut. We are working with Samson Cree Nation on water protection. We have 2 staff for an 8-month contract, doing research on climate change, climate adaptation and recommendation for building our reliance. Continue working with youth programs and engagement events. Youth programs a big part of our work, excited to take kids outside and build their appreciation for our watersheds. X-steam science program grade 7-12 out to do water quality monitoring. We continue with the CFW competition. Some fantastic projects from the CRW Competition have been implemented. Due to COVID-19 we have developed a virtual program for the Waste in the Watershed Tour. We are looking for sponsors to help us expand the Waste in the Watershed Tour outside of Camrose. We continue to offer the Discover Your Wetlands programs through out the watershed. We held our first ever Magpie Nature Camp, which was a week long day camp 8-12 year olds. Funds from Cargill helped support this camp which took place at the Fish and Game site. We have received funding for a Future Farmers for fresh water project where we will be working with local 4H clubs. We held out Annual Watershed Festival at Big Knife provincial park. We were once again able to hold a successful Saskatoon Pie at the Camrose Downtown Farmers market. To appreciate the Christmas season and all that our members and volunteers do for us we held the Winter Tales event at the BRWA office in December. Funding was received to have a Finding Common Ground 2 bus tour. We explored different energy opportunities to hear from people and develop more informed knowledge. Energy ambassadors then presented to their community. Paddle the Battle has 17 guides for different locations where paddling is accessible. We continue to celebrate stewardship through the OTIS award which is awarded on a yearly basis. Riparian restoration program funding through WRRP. Several projects completed throughout the years. The Buffalo Tail program working with 9 land owners and cows and fish to complete riparian health assessment on the land. Riparian fencing, livestock shelters, watering systems.

## **NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS**

The following people are nominated to serve on the BRWA Board of Directors

Name	Sector	Term
Dustin Owens	Business/Industry	Two year term ending June 2022
Lorne Ferguson	Environment	Two year term ending June 2022
Greg Smith	Individual	Two year term ending June 2022
Midge Lambert	Individual	Two year term ending June 2022
Ryley Anderson	Municipal Government	Two year term ending June 2022
Preston Weran	Municipal Government	Two year term ending June 2022
Peter Pullishy	Individual	Two year term ending June 2022

### **2020-01 MSC**

Motion by Lorne Ferguson and seconded by Khalil Ahmed to approve Board of Director elections. Anyone interested in being on the Board please call the office or get in touch with Al Corbett.

## **BRWA FINANCIAL REPORT**

Sheila Logelin presented the financial report for 2019-2020.

### **2020-02 MSC**

Motion by Lorne Ferguson and seconded by Al Corbett to accept the 2019 Financial Statements. From Hall & Company. Motion carried.

## **BRWA AUDITORS**

**2020-03 MSC** Motion by Khalil Ahmed and seconded by Lorne Ferguson to select Hall & Company to complete the BRWA review engagement. Motion carried.

## **BRWA BUDGET 2020-2021**

David presented the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**2020-04 MSC** Motion by Lorne Ferguson and seconded by Preston Weran to accepted the budget as presented. Motion carried.

## **BRWA Membership Fee**

Membership to the BRWA is currently set at \$0.00.

### **2020-05 MSC**

Motion by Melissa Orr-Langner and seconded by Lorne Ferguson to keep the membership rate at \$0.00. CARRIED

## **BRWA Director's Remuneration**

Director's remuneration rates are set that the lowest level of Alberta Environment rates.

### **2020-06 MSC**

Motion by Alan Corbett and seconded by Preston Weran to keep the director's remuneration rates remain at the same level as the previous year. CARRIED

## **2020-07 NEXT AGM DATE**

Motion by Al Corbett and seconded by Melissa Orr-Langner to set the 2021 AGM date as Wednesday June 23, 2021. CARRIED

## **AGM ADJOURNED**

Al adjourned the meeting at 2:49 pm and thanked everyone for attending.