

**MIRAMICHI SALMON ASSOCIATION INC.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ZOOM Call / Kin Centre Miramichi  
Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 10:00 AM  
MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dan Cain, Mark Hambrook, Kevin Harris, Stan Knowles, Debbie Norton, Manley Price, Chris Smith, Vince Swazey

**DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS CONNECTED REMOTELY:**

Paul Baker, Shawn Betts, Carl Graybill Jr., Andy Dumaine, Jackie Girouard, Stephen Hibbard, Tristan Hovey, Natalie Kenny, Jeff Morris, Gordon Mouland, Joe Palmer, Greg Sprague, Paul Valeri, Marty Vickers, Joe Walsh, Alan Wilson

**STAFF:**

Kate Flanagan  
Kelsey McGee  
Alexa Henderson

1. Greeting and Introduction– Kevin Harris – MSA Inc. Board of Directors
2. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Stan Knowles – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vince Swazey – Approved.
3. Approval of Minutes of April 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting – Moved by Stan Knowles – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne – Approved.
4. Business Arising from Minutes – There was no video or audio for this point in the agenda.
5. Chairman's Report – Kevin Harris
  - a. Financials – Up until 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March things were going well, but COVID-19 outbreak negatively impacted activities.
  - b. Kevin reported that the issue with the smallmouth bass in Miramichi Lake is a problem that needs to be focused on but is not sure if it will occur until 2021.
  - c. Kevin also reported that the SAS program needs to be focused on because of dwindling numbers, but difficulty in obtaining permits means efforts to release fish have been hampered.
  - d. Kevin stated that in order to begin working on the river the MSA needs to partner with the First Nations in the area. Without collaboration from First Nations, it is difficult to work on the river and move programs forward.
6. President's Report - Mark Hambrook
  - a. Mark reported that in 2019 salmon spawning numbers were quite low with the high temperatures. He also reported that progress was being made in being able to release adult salmon in the river but with COVID-19 there has not been much headway in this area.

- b. Mark reported that a handful of forms have been submitted to eradicate smallmouth bass in Miramichi Lake and the Southwest Miramichi River.
- c. With Stephen Tinning recently retired there has been a process set to fill the position as well as the administration of the MSA.
- d. This past winter a building collapsed at the MSA due to snow accumulating on the roof. Several salmon were lost, and a vehicle was severely damaged in the collapse but since then the building has been fixed.

#### 7. MSA Bylaw Amendment - Ross Bingham

- a. Amendment moved so that the President can be a member of the human resources committee – moved by Ross Bingham – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Norton – approved.
- b. Amendment moved so that human resources committee can nominate people outside of the board of directors for their committee – moved by Ross Bingham – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Norton – passed.

#### 8. Nomination of Honorary Directors - Kevin Harris

Motion to nominate Ralph Archibald, Bud Bird, Byron Coughlan, Jason Curtis, John Dillon, Hadley Ford, Andrew Goode, David Hashey, Jim Hudson, Jim McQuaid, Alex Mills, Ted Reevey, and Keith Wilson as honorary directors – Moved by Kevin Harris – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Norton – Approved.

#### 9. Nomination of New Directors – Kevin Harris

Motion to nominate new directors Janice Cormier, Deb Power, Francois Emond, Laura Gilks, Stephen Tinning, and Jonathan Flemming – Moved by Kevin Harris – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Norton – Approved.

#### 10. Presentation of 2019 Financial Statements – Richard McGuigan

- a. In MSA operations, Richard reported that the operating deficit was in line with what was forecasted at the February meeting. Net assets were as follows; operating fund \$727,352; endowment fund \$1,396,569; and the discretionary funds were \$640,000.
- b. In MFM statements, accounts receivable is growing, causing issues with cash flow. In the statement of operations there is a surplus of \$39,582 which is in line with projections. This positive is a result of the insurance proceeds from the collapse of the greenhouse.
- c. Motion to adopt financial statements of the year ended December 2019 for MSA and MFM -moved by Richard - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris – Approved.

#### 11. Appointment of Accountants for 2020 – Richard McGuigan

Kevin Harris made a motion that the accounting firm of Allen Paquet & Arseneau be retained as the organization's accountant for 2020 - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Knowles – Approved.

#### 12. Conservation Planning Committee Report – Kelsey McGee

- a. Kelsey reported tracking data from the early 2000's up to 2019 and it shows a steady decline of salmon numbers. The smolt estimate numbers also show a decrease in numbers since the study started.
- b. Kelsey reported that a handful of key areas were cleared of beaver dams, but with the high water levels it made it possible for the salmon to bypass any blockages.
- c. The striped bass spawning study was conducted at the NW Miramichi, SW Miramichi and the Tabusintac Rivers and larva were captured at all three sites. The only site where eggs

were not found was the Tabusintac, but this was likely because spawning was slightly earlier in that location and the bass were already hatched.

13. Membership Committee Report – Stan Knowles

Stan Knowles reported that numbers for membership and donations has gone down slightly but has not changed much since the previous year. Moving forward into 2021, Stan suggested removing introductory and guide members to increase donations. Kevin Harris moved to approve committee report – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Hambrook – approved.

14. Development Committee Report – Joe Palmer

Joe Palmer reported that it was an off year due to some dinners not happening, although the Fredericton dinner went better than the previous year. General donations for the year went better than expected with \$35,000 exceeding the budget which was around \$25,000. Creel of Fortune is still a focus in the coming year to maintain cash flow without having as many dinners.

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15. Education Committee Report - There was no video or audio for this point in the agenda.

16. Communications Committee Report - There was no video or audio for this point in the agenda.

17. Land Use Committee Report - There was no video or audio for this point in the agenda.

18. Other Business - There was no video or audio for this point in the agenda.

19. Motion for Approval of Actions of Board and Executive 2019-2020 - There was no video or audio for this point in the agenda.

20. Adjournment - There was no video or audio for this point in the agenda.