

**Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society - Board Minutes**  
**September 14, 2021- 1PM Qualicum Beach Museum**

Present: David James (Chair), Pat Jacobson, John Phillips, Neil Worboys, Neil Carruthers, Mick McDonald, Gord Almond

Guests: Ray Woroniak, Tom Whitfield

**Items of Business:**

1. Approval of Minutes, May 26th, 2021. Mick pointed out that the balance in the chequing account was \$2619.06, not \$2916.06 as reported. PJ to amend the minutes. Moved by Neil C, seconded by Gord that the minutes be approved as amended.

2. Financial Update - Mick reported that that we have \$2297.16 in our chequing account and \$6288.97 in our savings account. We also have \$643.00 in an LQR Estuary account, which remains from the Sawyer family donation. We have 40 paid members.

3. Project Activity -

**Little Qualicum River Estuary**

- still waiting on the RDN and BCCF for longer range plans. John advises that once it is cooler and wetter, we should plant upland, more toward the water, and facing north. He has potted Sitka Spruce on hand, which would be good candidates. If we determine we should plant more trees, we can use the LQR Estuary fund. Gary Oaks, Shore Pine, and possibly Arbutus would be good candidates.

**Grandon Creek Reforestation**

- still waiting for a response from Town staff. DJ has been advised by Councillors Harrison and Westbroek that they will follow-up. DJ to send an email to Councillor Skipsey, who is now Council liaison for the Environment & Sustainability Committee.

**MABRII Wetland Monitoring - Grandon Creek Watershed**

- there is another session coming up in November at a wetland just off Laburnum Road, by the big curve in the road. It is very interesting, and we have volunteers from beyond our SK group. Others may like to join in on a session. The Nov. timing and details will be sent out later.

**September Smolt Count - Grandon and Beach Creeks**

- the plan is to do 3 pools in each of Beach and Grandon Creeks. We are waiting on Dave Clough for a date, it could be given with short notice.

## **Level logger downloads and water level monitoring on Beach and Grandon Creeks**

- the level logger on both creeks is downloaded once a year onto laptop software, and can be manipulated into shareable charts.
- on Beach Creek, Ray is recording info weekly onto a spreadsheet including depth, temperature, visual flow and taking photos. Information from a “flow tracker” will be done periodically from October through May. There is a small group of volunteers developing a plan, more volunteers are welcome.

## **Forage Fish**

- Another MABRII program - peak season for monitoring is Nov-Feb. last year only 1 embryo was found. It could be that the sampling areas do not have the necessary habitat for forage fish. We will see what the plan for this season brings.

## **RDN Community Watering Network**

- Gord reports that the Summer monitoring results did not show too many issues, water temperature in most places was under 18 degrees. The Fall Flush will start around Oct. 5. John Kinosh is going to take over the leadership from Gord Almond. Well done Gord!

## **Salmon Toss**

- David to check with Laura Terry (DFO) to determine if there is any chance this will happen this year. If it does, we need to ensure that DFO pays for a rental truck, or provides a truck.

## 4. Outreach & Communications

- A letter was sent to the Town supporting the development of interpretive signage for Beach Creek at the roundabout estuary site.
- Mid-Island Stewardship Caucus - Pat to send out more info to the Board.
- Tom Whitfield advised that winter winds last year in the Heritage Forest brought down a lot of branches, that are a fire hazard. The plan is to collect them and “chip” them on site to go back into the forest. QB Streamkeepers can put out a call out for volunteers to help.

## 5. Policy

- Insurance has been settled with Pacific Streamkeepers Federation. David to provide more details.
- We need to develop better project safety protocols particularly when heavy equipment is involved, like the recent draining of the Golf Course pond.

- Our AGM is going to be held Saturday October 16th at 10:00 at St. Stephens Church. We will not have a guest speaker.

Pat to send out note to membership advising them of the date, and to place an ad in the PQ News giving 2 weeks notice.

Note: Probable covid protocols are provided at the end of this document.

- David advises that MLA Walker is making his office boardroom available for not-for-profits to hold meetings. This looks like a good option for us.

## 6. Website

- Pat to post the article on Coho and Cutthroat retrieved in the Golf Course Pond.

- Ray volunteered to help with social media and communication.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm

Prepared by Pat Jacobson, Director  
September 15, 2021

*Note re AGM:*

*Here is a communication from St. Stephens Church on Covid protocols as they stand now for use of the Church.*

*It looks like "BYOC" will be in order, bring your own coffee!*

*Following yesterday's announcement by the Province regarding vaccines, here is where we stand at the moment regarding use of the church hall. Of course, all this could change if Covid numbers spike and there are further restrictions.*

*Indoor Seated gatherings are permitted at 50% capacity, which we are capping at 75 people for the church hall.*

- 1. Masks are required to be worn for all indoor gatherings*
- 2. NEW YESTERDAY: By September 13<sup>th</sup>, all participants must be partially vaccinated (one dose). By October 24<sup>th</sup>, all participants must be fully vaccinated (fully vaccinated means 7 days after dose 2). It is the responsibility of your group to enforce this.*
- 3. Please use hand sanitizer (provided) upon entrance to the building.*

*Also, we strongly recommend that each person bring their own beverage if possible instead of providing refreshments. If you do decide to use the kitchen, you must wipe down the counters and all high touch surfaces in the kitchen.*

*These restrictions are in place until January 31, 2022, subject to extension and modifications.*