

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society BOD Meeting Minutes

9:30am, Wednesday, January 13th, 2016

Present: David (Chair), Peter, Louella, Neil, Michael, Mick, Gord, Pat, John.

Items of Business:

1. Minutes - Moved by Neil, seconded by Peter, that the minutes of the October 14th, 2015 meeting be accepted. Carried.

2. Financial Report - Louella reported \$3043. in our chequing account, and \$7360. in the savings account. Additionally, we have received \$500. from the RDN for the water monitoring program. We approved these monies be given to Gord Almond to help cover his truck expenses. (Motion approved at the August 12th Meeting). With respect to the Ministry of Highways grant (\$5000.), we have spent approximately \$1900. on Grandon Creek.

3. Project Activity

Grandon Creek

Spawning Salmon Count

- the last opportunity of the season will be this coming Friday, John to send note with details.

Stream Material Removal

- Issue of run-off from Elementary School and Grandon Creek impact. We will check in the spring to determine status. Suggestion that we consider plantings to ameliorate the situation.

Spring 2016 Smolt Count

- David to check with Dave Davies to determine the best methodology.

Beach Creek

Planting at Village Way Culvert Replacement Site

- There doesn't seem to be much erosion, the rye grass will be kicking in soon to stabilize the area.

School Creek Erosion

- We need a stronger, more sustained rain event to fully assess the situation.

Faye will contact Ann Hill to discuss current status with the strata.

Fish Ladder at GC

- Peter will put together a proposal. We will cover expense of Dave Clough if required, to put this together.

Little Qualicum River

November Fish Toss

-Neil spear-headed, format worked well, 20 volunteers, 25% women. Great team effort and well-supported by Dave Davies, DFO.

LQR Estuary Plantings

- Too early determine survival of 2015 plantings, but any new plantings need to be done earlier.

David to contact Craig Wightman of BCCF about 2016 plans.

4. Outreach and Communications

- Town of QB Memorandum of Understanding - Completed
- Peter reports that with Dons help they have added 27 more yellow fish to the stock. Well done!
- Christmas Get-Together- A big thank you to David and Susan for their hospitality, and a very entertaining evening with Peter, Faye, Don et al.
- Sign Plans for Qualicum Beach - Pat and Louella still working on it, need to contact Wendy/Netanja at the Museum to see how it might fit with planning for a Historical Walking Tour that is in the works.
- PSF Dinner - January 30th - Looks like we have upwards of 30 attending, and have 40 tickets to sell. Let's keep hustling.
- Seedy Saturday, February 6th - We will not participate as an organization, but can assist Joanne Sales.

5. Policy

- AGM - Preferred dates March 19th or March 12th. (Saturday mornings). March 19th is World Water Day. Michael to check and see what the Oceanside Coalition and KAIROS have planned, maybe we can combine. Pat to contact Dr. Riddell for his availability and topic areas. St. Stephens or Knox United Church could be locations based on their availability and the format of the meeting.
- Board of Directors - Everyone wishes to continue in some capacity, with Mick electing to retire and spend time in the stream instead of the boardroom, and Don Lyster will join.
- Application to DFO - David has looked after.
- Waterfront Plan Input - We agreed we should submit our input and reach out to our membership for consultation. John suggested one element of that input needs to be protection and enhancement for fish entry at the mouths of Beach and Grandon Creeks.

6. Website

- we continue to get enquiries from interested parties.

7. Next Meeting

- same time and place on February 9th.

Pat Jacobson
January 14th, 2016