

**Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society Board Meeting
April 12th, 2017 - 9:30am Qualicum Foods Board Room**

Present: David James (Chair), Louella Hollington, Don Lyster, Pat Jacobson, John Phillips, Peter Drummond

1. Minutes of March 8th, 2017 Meeting - Don moved, Louella seconded that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2. Financial Update - Louella reported that we have \$2282. in our checking account, and \$7405. in our savings account. We deposited \$1380. from the AGM, including the \$1000. donation from the Bill Dwyer Memorial Fund, \$250. in membership fees, \$110. in donations, and \$20. for a vest. Louella has sent a receipt and acknowledgment to the Parksville Qualicum Community Foundation. Pat has submitted a photo the PQ News, for potential inclusion in their PQ Giving page.

3. Faye Smith Rosenblatt Memorial - A separate account has been set up at the Credit Union for donations made to QBSS in memory of Faye. A separate box has been set up , P.O. Box 156, QB V9K 1S7. When donations are received, a receipt will be sent, along with a thank you note from QBSS and an envelope containing a card with a thank you from the family. We will start working on this project with the Town, Arrowsmith Naturalists, and the family, once we have a better understanding of the financial support. David/Peter/ Pat to work on a press release for the QB News that describes the project and outlines the tremendous contribution Faye made in our QB community.

4. Volunteer Vests and T-Shirts - David suggested that we investigate getting more (20 of each) of our QB Streamkeeper T-shirts, and sourcing a customized vest to give to new members and volunteers. John moved and Don seconded a motion that we authorize an expenditure of up to \$500. for this project. Carried.

5. Project Activity

Grandon Creek

- The smolt fence is on hold. There is still too much water, and the water temperature of 6-7 degrees is too cold for smolt movement. David advises that Cam Purdon of the Town had eye bolts installed to anchor the fence, and is supportive of a long term installation. This project has been successful in getting new volunteers out to help, and as soon as it is up and running again we will send out a communication.
- Board members to meet on Tuesday, April 18th at 1:00pm to walk the unmanaged Grandon Creek Trail off Arbutus south of 1st. Pat to send out note. We will also plant left-over seedlings from Faye's memorial service.
- The Canada 150 birthday commemoration of 150 trees (supported by the Bill Dwyer Foundation) will take place in Grandon Creek (64 trees), LQR Estuary (70 trees), and Beach Creek (16 trees). John Phillips is sourcing the trees from Streamside Native Plants, and will advise the times for the plantings. We will send out a communication to our volunteer list, for the Grandon and LQR plantings.

Beach Creek

- Don Lyster provided a very thorough report to us and Tom Whitfield on the Invertebrate Training session held with Dave Clough in the Heritage Forest on April 7th. It was disappointing that the school didn't come through with 10 students, but nonetheless, the participants who were part of this session, on a day of extremely inclement weather, really found it worthwhile. Plus we have established an important benchmark on the health of the creek.

Little Qualicum River Estuary

- John will propose a date to get a small work party together to repair the enclosures.

Harris Creek - Mapping Project

- re the “fish in the creek” program with MVIHES - the tablet software is working well, the work is on hold for the moment.

Creek Identification Signs

- The Town has installed some of them, Louella and Pat to do a survey.

6. Outreach and Communication

- Brant Festival -: LQR Estuary Tour with BCCF very successful, good turnout, interested people, lots of wildlife, great commentary by Craig Wightman, Tim Clermont and John Phillips. Worth doing again. Fish Count hampered by lack of fish due to cold weather and high water levels, but lots of interest shown by new volunteers and by the public.

- Family Day - we have reserved a spot, coming up on Sunday, May 28th.

7. Policy

- there was some discussion about input from Streamkeepers on stormwater management and watershed planning, to be discussed at a future meeting.

8. Website Update

- responsibility for website to move from Pat to Don who will be meeting on the 18th.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson
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