

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers
January 18th, 2017 Board Meeting - 9:30am QF Boardroom

Present : Mike Shannon, David James, Louella Hollington, Neil Worboys, John Phillips, Gord Almond, Pat Jacobson
Guest: Michael Jessen

1. Minutes of December 14th, 2016 Meeting - Neil moved and Mike seconded that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2. Financial Report

Louella reported that we have \$1922. in our checking account, and \$7400. in savings. Recent transactions include an expenditure of \$770. for signs, an incoming \$1000. private donation, and \$500. reimbursement from the RDN for water monitoring. Louella moved, and John seconded a motion that we reimburse Gord \$450. toward his expenses on the RDN water monitoring. Carried.

3. Project Activity

Grandon Creek

- re the Counting Fence - Gord to advise the Board when a meeting with Pat Vek is going to take place regarding the construction of the fence. Peter, Mike, and Ed have volunteered to build the fence.

Peter to look after permit, and advise the Town of our plans.

Target for completion ahead of mid-March.

We need a plan for communication and volunteers.

Moved by Neil, seconded by Pat that we authorize up to \$500. for materials to support this project. Carried.

Beach Creek

- re Invertebrate Training Module- April 7th in the Heritage Forest. David to confirm the date with Dave Clough and find out many people we can accommodate.

- Tree Planting in Beach and Grandon Creeks, John suggests Sitka Spruce and Cedar. We will need a plan in place for planting in March/ early April.

Little Qualicum River

- Lots of opportunity for projects in the Harris/Crocker Creek areas.
- MVIHES is taking the lead on updating the "Fish in the Ditch" info and this is a priority area. We have volunteered to help. David to followup with Carl. R.
- Neil to check sleeves on the trees at the LQR Bridge on 19A.

4. Outreach and Communication

- Creek ID signs are produced and with the Town. The Town is waiting for warmer weather to install, we have volunteered to assist.
- PSF Dinner January 28th - We have 35 people signed up, still have room for more!
- Hogweed/Knotweed - Michael advises local gov't and RDN have an agreement with the Coastal Invasive Species Council for treatment. David to ask Luke for an update on the plans.
- Michael advises that bullrushes (not considered invasive or noxious) are causing problems in a drainage ditch in French Creek, they produce a substance/ set of conditions that eventually, permanently blocks the flow of water. They have been noted in Canyon Creek area. We need to be observant and find alternatives.
- Canada 150 - David working with committee on a History of Streamkeepers.
- Brant Festival - We have offered to include our fish counting on Grandon Creek, a tour of the LQR estuary, and volunteer support for updating the signing at the outlook. Pat to advise Barry Avis.
- Seedy Saturday, February 4th - We are sharing a table in the foyer with Broombusters. Louella, Pat, Peter will staff.
- Water Day, Sunday March 12th in Parksville - Michael outlined plans, we will sign up for a table. AWCS is sponsoring a student art display and prize draw for a water testing kit, and a kit donation to a school.
- Family Day- David advises they are looking for volunteers, the event may not take place.
- Beach Day - Mark calendars for July 23rd.
- AGM - target March 25th, Pat to reserve St. Stephen's.

5. Policy

- Re request for input to Canada's Review of Environmental and Regulatory Processes - John to make a proposal.

- Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up - Gord/Ed in Beach Creek.

6. Website

- Has been updated for 2017.

- Stats for 2016 show continuing growth in users, with a 14% increase in unique visitors and a 33% increase in the number of visitors over for the previous year.

Motion made by John, seconded by Gord to adjourn the meeting at 11:15.

Next Meeting - QF Boardroom on Wednesday, February 8th at 9:30am.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson

January 20, 2017