

**Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society Board Meeting
June 21st, 2017 - 9:30am Qualicum Beach Town Hall Committee Room**

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

1. Minutes of April 12th, 2017 Meeting - John moved, Peter seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2. Financial Update - Louella reported that we have \$2036. in our checking account, and \$4613. in our savings account. There was a transfer from savings to cover insurance, plants, tee shirts etc.

3. Project Activity

Grandon Creek

- We have counted about 60 smolts, with an 8 cm coho noted yesterday. There is a healthy, active population of trout, crayfish, no frogs or sticklebacks. The fence will be taken out June 22nd. Agreed that we should do again next year, but modify the design for which we will need DFO approval. David to follow-up. Peter suggested breezeway blocks and rebar. The Town is onside for installation of a more permanent base. The fence will be stored at the Train station. Peter and Mike to be congratulated for a fabulous design, and Gord, Don and Mick for ongoing monitoring. This has been a great project for public contact.

Beach Creek

-John will represent QBSS on the Town Roundabout/Memorial Drive advisory committee, which is expected to meet in the Fall. We hope to have a counting fence be part of this project, and suggest as well that water flow monitoring be incorporated.

Little Qualicum River Estuary

- John reported that a rabbit deterrent fencing has been installed and weeding conducted. The survival rate for plants has been good, and another 70 were planted in the spring and are progressing well. A watering session was held last week and likely another next week.

Fish in the Creek Mapping with MVIHES

- Don reported that Shelley has been testing different programs and will select one soon. Don will co-ordinate the implementation.

Beach and Grandon Creek ID Signs

- Louella and Pat reviewed the Town installations, and will meet with Tony B. to give him feedback on some required modifications.

Faye Memorial

- Funding to date \$7200.
- A project description has been developed, which will be forwarded to the Board members for info and comment
- Peter and Pat will be meeting with 3 potential designers in the next couple of weeks.

Water Monitoring Training and Testing

- Gord advised that an RDN training session will be held on July 19th, Mick will attend, and a notice will be sent out to our membership to see if they want to participate in the program. Gord advises that a report out of last year's results didn't have any noticeable issues, but it did reinforce how important the little tributaries off the main stem of the Little Qualicum River, and others, are for Coho because of the cooler water temperatures.

First Aid Training and Kit

- John, Don, and Mike took the First Aid Training Course.
- Motion moved by Pat, seconded by Gord, that they be reimbursed the \$60. for course.
- Motion moved by Pat, seconded by Don, that we procure a first-aid kit at a cost of up to \$100.
- Zo Ann Morten of PSF advises that there is not a requirement currently that we need trained people available at work parties for insurance purposes.

Storage of Materials

- We need to consolidate all the paper and smaller material that we have and decide what can be discarded, of use to others, or kept. Peter to set-up a session in the Fall with Louella, Pat and Gord. (A motion to use Peter's car for storage was roundly defeated).

Invasive Plants

- Pat to get update on Invasive Species Council and Town of QB plans, plus proposed bylaw re invasives on private property, as well as organize a short session to remove some Hogweed near Chester Road.

4. Outreach and Communication

- Engagement of members - David/Pat to include opportunities in Presidents message
- Family Day - Very successful this year, suggested change for draw prizes of books (not being picked-up), to award as prizes the day of the event.
- Mike suggested using a two-pager produced by the Port Alberni aquarium (fish parts drawing and puzzle) at Family and Beach Days. Looked good, Mike to pursue.
- Beach Day, July 23 - Don and Mick will work the seaweed display. Dave Clough may need volunteers for the beach seine.
- Ocean Mile Swim - August 20th, QBSS to provide volunteers again this year.
- Canada 150- David will be looking for a few volunteers Jun 30, July 1 & 2. He will send out a note with more specifics. Peter has compiled a History of Streamkeepers, working with Wendy Shaw. This will be available in print on Canada Day, and should be added to our website, thanks Peter.
- Wild Woman Day (Celebrating Women and Nature) - July 15th at North Island Recovery Centre. Pat and Louella to attend and host a Streamkeepers Display
- Presidents Message - David/Pat to work on an activity update for our members

5. Policy

- Official Community Plan - Pat/Louella on committee, advise that Quality of Life Survey will be coming in the next few days. A draft list of key topics to be identified for in-depth consultation will be circulated for comment.
- Membership Fees - We discussed the cost of our membership fees and decided that an increase would be in order. Don moved, and John seconded a motion that we increase our fees to \$10. for an individual and \$15. for a family. Carried. David to confirm that we can do this without discussing at an AGM.
- DFO - John to draft a letter of support to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for continued community stewardship funding.

6. Website Update

- Don proposed that we consider having on-line capability for collecting and receipting our annual membership dues and charitable donations. We discussed this and concluded that while it would still involve manual methods, it would be a good step forward. MVIHES does this currently, and was helpful in providing background. Diana would be able to set it up on our website. Moved by Don, seconded by Gord, that we move forward with Pay Pal as the platform for memberships, and Canada Helps as the platform for donations. Carried.

7. Next Meeting

- August 9th. (we will skip the July meeting)

Prepared by Pat Jacobson
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