

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Board Meeting
March 8th, 2017 - 9:30am QF Boardroom

Present: David James (Chair), John Phillips, Peter Drummond, Gord Almond, Pat Jacobson, Don Lyster, Neil Worboys, Louella Hollington, Mike Shannon
Guests: Michael Jessen, Carl Rathburn.

1. Minutes of January 18th, 2017 Meeting - Neil moved and Don seconded that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2. Financial Update - Louella reported no change since last meeting, other than invoices paid for approx. \$450.00 for the smolt fence. The books are at the auditor for year-end prep. David advised that a new tablet had been purchased to do the fish in the ditch survey. John Phillips advised that the Dwyer Family Foundation is planning to make a donation to our society. Madeline Dwyer will make the presentation at the AGM. We will give recognition to our recent donors.

3. AGM - Saturday March 18th

We agreed to start with AGM business, including Elections, Financial Report, and 2016 Minutes.

Actions required for the meeting:

- David to put together agenda and send out to the board, plus bring projector for the meeting
- Louella to talk to Anne Skipsey about running the elections.
- Pat to get key and open the church at 8:30.
- Louella and Pat to do membership sign-ups
- John to introduce and thank speaker, get a gift for speaker and purchase a book for a door prize.
- John advises Tom of Mulberry's will come and sell books.
- Don to send out meeting notice to Castaways.
- Peter and Mike to bring trap.
- Gord and Peter to bring displays, signage etc.
- Neil to bring coffee, milk, sugar, and cookies.
- Pat advises ad will run Thursday the 9th and Tuesday the 14th, and we will submit an article to PQB News for the event.
- Pat to get signage in Mullberry stores.

4. Project Activity

Grandon Creek

- Fish Count - Thanks to Peter and Mike for a classic smolt fence design and execution, modelled on MVIHES. We have a collection permit, and the Town has been advised and approved, and will provide sand bags if required. We are signed up as an event from April 1-9 for the Brant Festival. Mike, Peter, and Don to get sign for the box and whiteboard for the site.
- Pat to send out email to members

Beach Creek

- John is starting a seedling program for Sitka Spruce on Beach Creek in the Heritage Forest, sourcing the seeds from the forest to maintain genetic integrity. He will work with Streamside Native Plants. Trees will be ready for planting in a couple of yrs.
- We should ask KSS if woodworkers could do yellow fish.
- Beach creek clean-up, Gord and crew did a clean-up from East Crescent to the school, collecting 5-5 gallon pails plus one bag of garbage, mostly beverage containers.
- Invertebrate training module set for April 7th. Don to co-ordinate with Dave Clough, it looks like it might be fully booked with the school students and other streamkeeper participants. Don to confirm before we send out a message.

Little Qualicum River Estuary

- Fence repairs and plantings to replace non-survivors to be organized by John.
- David will do Brant Festival tour with BCCF on April 5th 1:30 to 3:30.

Other

- John suggested we plant 150 trees to commemorate Canada's 150th. Moved by John, seconded by Peter that we authorize an expenditure of up to \$750. Planting will take place at Beach, Grandon and the estuary.
- still too cold to get the Creek ID signs installed by the Town.
- Fish in the creek (ditch). Carl has the software and has started, but still checking parameters and fleshing out. David will talk to Shelly and determine when we can get out to Harris Creek.
- Peter brought up the need to get the Brant Viewing station at the west end of the beach replaced, a presentation will be made to Council. Funding needs to be secured. We support this project, but funding from us is not feasible.

5. Outreach and Communication

- Brant Festival - LQR Estuary Tour and Fish Count
- Water Day - March 12th - Don, David, Pat, Gord, Peter, Mike to participate. Pat to get books for the draw, Gord to arrange display material with Peter. Schedule: Don, Pat, Gord to start, David at noon, Peter from 1-3.
- Earth Day, April 22nd - We will participate if this goes ahead. (Qualicum Town Hall, details tbd)
- We are signed up for Family Day , Sunday, May 28th

6. Policy

- 2017 AGM set for March 18th
- Michael communicated the difficulty in getting a Watershed Governance Model off the ground in the RDN, and recently had a meeting with them on the subject. To date, the Okanagan Basin is the most effective model, and has been approved by the Provincial Government. The Arrowsmith Watershed Coalition Society (AWCS) will be working on a roundtable approach and may use the "Little Qualicum River Watershed Plan - Feasibility Study " by Michele Deakin as a model to take this to the next step in our region.
- we discussed disease in fish farms , and dangers posed by derelict vessels, and it was suggested that concerns be expressed by individuals.

7. Website

- The website is mostly updated
- Meeting minutes for 2016 have been posted there, and will be posted there on a continuing basis.
- Pat to add prior years minutes.
- Don to take over website responsibility this month.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson
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