

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society Board Meeting May 9th, 2018
Quality Foods Boardroom

Present: David James (Chair), John Grodzki, John Phillips, Pat Jacobson, Gord Almond, Mick McDonald, Don Lyster

Items of Business:

1. Minutes of March 14th, 2018 Meeting - Moved by John P., seconded by Don, that the minutes be accepted.

2. Financial Update - Mick reports balances of \$1624.74 in our current account, \$4387.00 in our savings account and \$80,004.00 in our Faye Memorial Project Account.

3. Project Activity

Seaside Nature Park/Faye Smith Memorial

Major progress since last meeting. Very positive feedback. Interpretive signs are in the final stages of development except for the one at the bottom of Grandon Creek. Waiting for a prototype of the sign mounting design. Target June 15th to have the site open to the public, which would mean completion of most of the site landscaping. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include moving log seating into place, helping with the green shore armouring, sealing the timbers in July, and planting in September. David to contact Cam Purdon re updating the kiosk at the bottom of the creek with a new roof, removing the current sign, and cleaning up the timbers.

Grandon Creek Smolt Count

Box is back in operation after the tree removal. Need more sand bags, David and Gord to source and put in place. There were a couple of fish on May 8th. David to contact Dave Davies re permitting and design to put a permanent base in place.

Grandon Creek Invasives and Planting

The trail may be closed at the moment, David to check with Cam re an invasive removal at the top near Hoy Lake Road. It is too late for planting now, we should plan for the fall.

Beach Creek Advisory Committee

John advises that no sub-committee meetings have been held.

Little Qualicum River Estuary - Waiting for a plan from RDN and BCCF. Need to install shade material for x-closures, and determine if watering is still required as the plantings are about 3 years old now. John advises that only a few plants have perished.

4. Events/Communication

- River Never Sleeps Festival on May 6th - Very successful, lots of children, good participation of area groups, participation very worthwhile.

- Family Day - May 27th- Get prizes to hand out instead of a draw for books (re the wheel) need more volunteers. Advise David.
- Beach Day - July 15th - Dave Clough will be participating on beach seining, and Mick and Gord will do the aquarium display.
- Project Watershed - Several attended meeting at QFN re coastline restoration....David James to follow-up with Project Manager to determine next steps.

5. Website

Pat to update for project.

6. Next Meeting

- we will skip June (too many away) and plan for July 11th.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson May 11th, 2018