

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held On: October 22, 2013, at the Rotary Field House, Nanaimo, BC.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:20 with an informative and enjoyable presentation by Wayne Pealo on "Fly Fishing the Austrian Alps". After a coffee break, the general meeting began at 8:10.

Minutes of last Meeting: Moved by Ron busche that the minutes be accepted as read, seconded, Bob MacEachern, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ian Stewart reported a balance of \$4800.38. Moved by Ian Stewart that the report be accepted as read, seconded, Bob Kissinger, carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Rick Wanhill reported he was ready to accept membership dues for the new year.

Conservation: Harry McLeod reported on several topics. (1) Harry took part in a Harbour City River Stewards program to salvage coho fry from the Chase River and to estimate the total fry count. 1200 fry were taken to VIU to be held until the fall and returned to the river. Unfortunately, the program was interrupted by the native group SFN (Snuneymuxw First Nation) along with other support groups. As the SFN have the authority over the fish, the program was halted. (2) Jean Michelle's Departure Bay Creek Project has been put on hold until issues with the SFN over burial sites are settled. (3) VIU and DFO will be tagging coho in the Millstone. (4) The DFO Conservation Partnership Project has funds of \$150,000 - \$250,000 for established conservation groups to apply for. Harry will look into the possibility of a project to stabilize the summer water flow in the Chase River and/or a project to remove blockages in the Chase River. (4) Harry also announced he would be stepping down as Director of Conservation at the end of December.

Librarian: Lance Mitchell reported the club now has the books and dvds listed on the website. Members can now choose a book or dvd and then request it by phoning or e-mailing Lance and he will bring it to the next general meeting.

Programs: Wayne Pealo reported that November's speaker would be Tracy Michalski, the MOE representative for the big lakes on the Island. Wayne also noted that he will be stepping down as Program Director at the end of December and called for another member to take over providing the monthly programs.

Entertainment: Don Ginter reminded members to get their tickets for the Xmas Dinner early as seating is limited to 60. He also called on members to help in obtaining items for the accompanying silent auction by using one of our solicitation brochure cards to approach local businesses for donations.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer reminded members of the first fly tying session at Oliver Woods this year on November 2. There is a drop in fee of \$4.00 to cover the cost of the lunch. He also reminded members of Teddy's Tackle's fly tying lessons for beginners on Tuesday mornings at his home shop at 9:00 am. A \$3.00 charge covers all materials, tools and coffee.

Communications: Wayne Pealo, speaking for Mark McGladrey, reported that a survey will be coming out to all members to get a better picture of just what the members are looking for in their club. The executive will use the results to better serve the needs of the club.

New Business:

Pacific Salmon Foundation: The executive decided to repeat last year's effort to support the PSA by buying a table of 8 seats and conducting a lottery among meeting members to distribute the seat

tickets. After a short discussion concerning the lottery which indicated a larger interest, Wayne Pealo moved that the club purchase 11 seats, seconded Gerry Stevens, carried.

Outhouse: Moved by Bob MacEachern that a third outhouse be placed at the Upper Village Campground at the Eve River, seconded Gordon Sharrock, carried. Bob Kissinger generously agreed to again take on the project.

Elections: Ron Schiefke reminded members that the elections for the next year will be held at the next meeting, November 26. The elections committee, consisting of Ron Schiefke, Ron Moll and Ron Busche, will be looking for members to help fill vacant positions and provide energy and leadership to maintain the successful club we have.

DOTF: Gerry Stevens, on behalf of Taylor Martin of Campbell River, delivered a \$50 donation to Wayne Pealo for the Divas On The Fly Program. Taylor made the donation in honour of his mother who was a cancer survivor.

Gilley: Gerry Steevens presented the money prize to Bill McColl

Fly Draw: George McGladrey presented fly covered spiders to Dan Hooper and John Bane.

Adjournment: 9:25 pm.