

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Board Meeting
January 10th , 2018 - 9:30 Qualicum Foods Boardroom

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

Items of Business:

1. Minutes of October 12, 2017 Meeting - Moved by Neil and seconded by Louella that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

2. Financial Update - Louella reported a year-end balance in our chequing account of \$1745.34 and in our savings account of \$3615.13. Mick reported cash on hand in the Faye Memorial Account of \$34,682. We have approximately \$10,000 more committed donations, plus a \$20,000 grant from Pacific Salmon Foundation. Moved by Don, seconded by Gord, that we sign the contract to accept the PSF donation.

3 Project Activity

Grandon Creek

- 3 Spawners were seen in late November!
- Smolt Trap - Agreed that we should build the caissons. David to contact Dave Davies. We need to be ready to go with the trap by the end of March with or without caissons.

Beach Creek

- Roundabout/Memorial Drive Advisory Committee - John advises they haven't met since our last meeting.

Little Qualicum River

- A meeting with key stakeholders to be in Jan/Feb. David to follow-up with Craig Wightman.
- John advises that the plantings in the x-closures seem to have survived the winter, dune grass is thriving.
- David suggests that we think about having better signage at the parking lot on Surfside Drive.
- David to contact Lynne Brookes to advise we would do another Estuary Tour in conjunction with the Brant Festival.

Fish in the Creek Mapping Project with MVIHES

- Don and Gord have software installed, still in pilot stage, not ready to recruit volunteers. We need to ensure that Whisky Creek is part of this process. John mentioned Janet Stavrov as an enthusiastic area resident.

Faye Memorial Update

- We are on track for Earth Day, April 22nd for a grand opening! We still have about \$30,000 in fund raising to do as we did not get the gaming grant. A Plan is in place to make this happen. Ideas welcome!

Water Monitoring Fall Flush

- Gord recorded conductivity of 400 at Grandon and Rupert, and 500 at Parker Road. It is likely this is coming from farms. (Good co-operation from Island Timberlands, providing a vehicle escort).
- James Craig came out to check the data logger, there was 3 years of flow data, it was put back and will be checked every year forthwith. Gord to ask Lauren about grab sampling.
- David suggested we should plan to get a data logger for Beach Creek in the future.

4. Outreach and Communication

AGM 2018

- We will plan to hold in March at St. Stephens, check Saturday dates from March 10 onward. Kristi Miller suggested speaker, Peter to follow-up
- We talked about ways of getting more new members and getting the membership more involved.
- It is important to have members vs volunteers for funding purposes and liability insurance purposes
*****Ideas*****
- Speak at Newcomers - there are people who like to contribute to the environment David to follow-up
- Place an Ad and Calendar - Do this in conjunction with AGM notice, pay for a bigger ad.
- Plan more events with social interaction
- Plan further ahead where possible
- Plan more events on the weekend, harder to get younger people out on weekdays
- Need to make new people feel welcome, Louella agreed to be a greeter!

KSS Outdoor Class

- There hasn't been contact since in the Fall. Suggestion for potential project would be cleaning up garbage at School Creek, or cleaning up and pruning in the Rain Garden at the school. Don to follow-up. John to provide assistance in vegetation management.
- PSF Dinner - We have sold 54 tickets, the dinner is essentially sold out.

5. Policy

- We discussed doing a Watershed assessment, similar to MVIHES, agreed it would be highly beneficial. Timing and budget TBD
- The Provincial Government is looking for input on a proposal for additional protection for the CDF Forest eco-system, the deadline is January 15th. John to put a letter of support together on behalf of QB Streamkeepers.

6. Website Update

- Don advises the 2018 updates are in process, and encourages Board Members to review the website and get back to him with any suggestions.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, February 14th, 9:30am - QF Boardroom

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