

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society AGM Minutes

March 18th, 2017 - St. Stephen's Church Hall, Qualicum Beach

Items of Business:

1. Opening Remarks - President David James called the meeting to order at 10:00am, and outlined the agenda for the meeting. In a departure from recent practice, we conducted the business of the AGM prior to the guest speaker.

2. President's Report - David highlighted the society activities during the past year and outlined the priorities for 2017/2018. A copy of the slide presentation can be accessed on our website at www.qbstreamkeepers.ca

3. Financial Report - Louella Hollington, Treasurer, presented the highlights from the Financial Statements prepared by McIntosh, Norton, Williams for the QBSS year ended, January 31st, 2017 (unaudited). Total assets were \$10,667, with \$8760. in cash. Revenues for the year were at \$2436. and expenses came in at \$3756. for a deficit of \$1320.

Moved by Peter Drummond, and seconded by John Phillips that the financial statements be accepted. Carried.

In conjunction with the Financial Report, Madeleine Dwyer presented a cheque for \$1000.00 to the Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society on behalf of the Bill Dwyer Memorial Fund (associated with the Parksville Qualicum Community Foundation). It is planned that these funds will be used to plant 150 trees in Beach and Grandon Creeks, and in the Little Qualicum River Estuary this spring.

4. Minutes of the 2016 AGM, which was held at St. Stephens Church on March 12th 2016, were presented by Secretary Pat Jacobson.

Moved by Louella Hollington, and seconded by Gord Almond that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

5. Election of Officers - Member John Grodzki acted as the election officer for the nomination and election process for the Board of Directors for the 2017/2018 year. 9 nominations were put forward, and all were elected for the coming year:

David James - President
Gord Almond - Vice-President
Pat Jacobson - Secretary
Louella Hollington - Treasurer
John Phillips - Director
Neil Worboys- Director
Don Lyster - Director
Peter Drummond - Director
Mike Shannon - Director

6. Guest Speaker - John Phillips introduced Guest Speaker, Dr. Dick Beamish. Dick contributed to a recently released book “The Sea Among Us - the Amazing Strait of Georgia”. He is one of Canada’s most decorated scientists with respect to climate change and fisheries, including sharing a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He shared information and comment on the history, current state, and prospects for salmon in our region and beyond. We had a an excellent two-way conversation with him. An honorarium for him will include planting some trees in his honour at the Little Qualicum Estuary.

7. Meeting Adjournment - A motion was made by Peter Drummond and seconded by Pat Jacobson to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson, Secretary
April 15th, 2017