

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society Board Meeting
March 14th, 2018 - 9:30am QF Boardroom

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

Items of Business:

1. Minutes of February 14th, 2018 Meeting - Moved by Peter, seconded by Don, that the minutes be accepted.

2. Financial Update - Mick to file the CRA update. David to update AGM info with BC Societies. Our bank balance as of March 14th is \$1637. in the regular account, and \$3617.88 in the savings account.

3. Project Activity -

Review of 2018 AGM

- was successful in covering all the bases and keeping to the time frame. We have 44 paid members, and 8 new members from the AGM. A note will be sent out to get renewals done through the website. Kristi Miller gave a good overview on infectious disease in wild salmon, her notes have been requested.

Seaside Nature Park/Faye Memorial Update

- Site prepped and construction, footings, walls, and slab pouring are underway this month. Donations continue to be strong. We are close to our goal, but still have to understand our cost projections vs. the actual costs. **Plan to have a celebration, on April 22nd, Earth Day, at the site regardless of the state of completion.**

- Work Party required for invasive plants on the site. Don to follow-up with KSS school to get a date, students available during spring break (March 17- April 2nd). Louella volunteered to provide refreshments. John will check out site and advise proper protocols for invasive removal and dispersal (i.e. Bamboo).

Grandon Creek Smolt Count

-Peter and Mike to get the box ready, estimated timing is first week of April, temperature needs to be up to 8 degrees. John P. to monitor once a week. Dave Davies to provide permit, sandbags are available from Town at appropriate time.

Beach Creek Advisory Committee - John P. reports no meetings

Little Qualicum River Estuary

- March 27th Planning Meeting at 11:30 at RDN Wembley Mall with RDN, BCCF, and Ducks Unlimited. David and John P. to attend, along with John G. and anyone else interested. David to confirm details.

4. Policy

- **Watershed Meeting in Nanaimo, April 11 and 12th.**
- Some members of Board attending, notice will be sent out to our membership list.
- Gord and John attended the **Comox Valley Project Watershed Coastal Restoration Project**- This is extending from the Oyster River to Annie Creek, which is just south of the Big Qualicum River. This is a multi-year project, and more info can be found at projectwatershed.ca. Gord gave us questionnaires to give input to this group.

5. Events

- **WaterSmart** - Qualicum Beach, Saturday March 24th. 10 am -3 pm, Gord to set up display, looking for volunteers. Would be good to include something on rain gardens.
- **Brant Festival, Estuary Tour** - Sunday, April 5th at 1:30.
- **River Never Sleeps Festival** - Rosewall Creek on Sunday, May 6th. Pat, Don, and John G. to attend and set-up booth.
- **Family Day**, Sunday, May 27th. will organize at future meeting. Louella volunteered.
- **Beach Day**, coming up in July.

6. Website Update - Don has updated for Board changes, and will post progress reports on the Faye memorial.

7. Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 11th.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson, Secretary,
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