

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society - AGM Minutes
March 23rd, 2019 - St. Stephen's United Church, Qualicum Beach

Items of Business:

1. Opening Remarks - President David James called the meeting to order at 10:10am and presented the agenda for the meeting.

2. President's Report - David outlined the society activities for 2018. The primary project was the substantial completion of the Faye Smith Memorial Pavilion at the West End of Qualicum Beach, now Seaside Nature Park. Work to be completed in 2019 includes the incorporation of Qualicum First Nation carving (Artist Jesse Recalma) which is planned for mid-year, and assisting the Town of Qualicum Beach with completing the Planting and Plant Interpretive Signage in the spring. Ongoing activities include participation the RDN Water Monitoring Program, Smolt Counting, Little Qualicum River Estuary Planting, and many Community Events. Details of the project, all activities, and the President's Report can be accessed at our website: qbstreamkeepers.ca

3. Financial Report - David outlined the highlights from the Financial Statements prepared by Jason Moore, of McIntosh, Norton, Williams for the year ended, January 31st, 2019. These statements are attached to the minutes of the meeting. Moved by Neil Worboys, seconded by Louella MacVicar that the financial statements be accepted. Carried.

4. Minutes of the 2018 AGM held at St. Stephen's Church on March 3rd, 2018 were on hand for review. Moved by Peter Drummond, seconded by Barry Avis that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

5. Election of Officers - Harold Baker, Friend of Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers acted as the election officer for the nomination and election of the Board of Directors for the 2019 year. Eleven nominations were put forward, and all were elected.

David James - President
Gord Almond - Vice-President
John Kinos - Secretary
Mick McDonald - Treasurer
Barry Avis - Director
Peter Drummond - Director
John Grodzki - Director
Pat Jacobson - Director
Louella MacVicar - Director
John Phillips - Director
Neil Worboys - Director

David welcomed John Kinos and Barry Avis as new members of the Board, and thanked Don Lyster for his service.

6. Guest Speaker - Peter Drummond introduced guest speaker, Dwight Owens, Ocean Networks Canada, Victoria. His Topic: Hot, Sour, and Breathless: Oceans Under Stress. What are the stressors, impacts, and actions we can take to counteract them? He covered a lot of territory, some of the highlights include-

- citizens need to speak out regularly to elected leaders on reducing our carbon footprint.
- rate of change in ocean acidification (CO2 pollution) is very concerning. Coral reefs, shellfish, ecosystems at great risk.
- we need to eat more plants, less meat, compost, work with First Nations.
- “Blue Carbon” - marshes and sea grasses are good carbon sinks
- Divestiture from fossil fuels essential
- Changing Light Bulbs is not the answer, we need to change the laws!

7. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by John Phillips, seconded by Pat Jacobson. Carried.
The meeting adjourned at noon.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson
April 9th, 2019