

## **Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Board Meeting May 18th, 2022 at 2pm - Held on the Sidewalk in Front of MLA Adam Walker's Office**

*Note: We appreciate having the use of the MLA's Boardroom, however it was closed due to the power failure. We improvised by sitting in front of the office on chairs and on the edge of cement planters much to the surprise of passers-by.*

Present: David James (Chair), Daryl Erickson, Gord Almond, Neil Worboys, Tom Whitfield, Ray Woroniak, Neil Carruthers, Pat Jacobson

### **Items of Business**

1. Minutes of February 24, 2022 Meeting - Moved by Neil W. seconded by Daryl that the minutes be accepted.

2. Financial/Membership Update as of May 17th 2022 by Daryl is appended to the minutes. We have 72 members listed, and 23 are due for renewal. Pat to send out reminder to those due for renewal.

### **3. Project Activity -**

- Little Qualicum Estuary - David advises that the irrigation is hooked up for the summer. We have lost a few trees, but good news on broom and blackberries that are almost completely eradicated. Hayley Tomlin (BCCF) is calling a meeting of all the stakeholders in mid-June to start the process of the 5 year plan. David to send out more details when available, others are welcome to attend.

- Memorial Golf Course/QBSK Management Plan - Peter & Pat have been working with Ian Smith of the GC to update the 2010 Plan. The goal is to attend a June Board Meeting of the GC to review and discuss. When the draft plan is complete, a copy will be sent to the Board. Suggested inclusions: Pesticide Use, Audubon Rating, Tree Inventory & Management Plan, GC Role as a Natural Infrastructure Asset.

- Grandon Creek (Private Property Issue) - Tom to send email to Luke re status of legal survey. David to get advice from DFO regarding a regulatory review re possible work in the riparian area given the private property boundaries.

- Seaside Nature Park - the Town has been tending the plantings, Pat to follow-up if a work party would be in order.

- MABRI Wetland Monitoring - ongoing

- Level Logger downloads and flow tracker monitoring on Beach and Grandon Creek, Zoom call with Thea Rogers (BCCF) May 19 to review plans.

- Yellow Fish - We will order 500 brochures (\$366. plus tax) to be paid by the MVIHES grant. Peter to have fish on hand for Family Day. AGWA (Arrowsmith Groundwater Alliance) to participate as well in finding fish recipients.

- RDN Water Testing - To start again in July, good opportunity for volunteer engagement.

- Smolt Count - September with Dave Clough, another good opportunity for volunteer engagement.

- Rain Garden KSS - Ray to contact Teegan Walshe, re getting assistance on from Patrick Walshe on rehabilitation and some replanting of the rain garden.

#### **4. Outreach and Communication**

- Beach Day Display - Sunday, July 17th - Content TBD.

- Family Day, May 29th - Set up at 11:00am in the Ball Fields. Require volunteers from 12-3. Ray, Sacha, David, Neil W. others? Need tent, flags, wheel, posters, fish, other handouts. Pat to send email to members, and purchase 5 items as prizes for hitting the “jackpot” on the wheel.

- KSS Salmonid & Stream Stewardship Curriculum - Ray - SD 69 Board Meeting next week and MABR Roundtable June 3 - Making progress, target 2023/2024 School year, Grades 8-12.

- Brant Festival - April 2 LQR - Great turn out, Neil C. did a good job, but next year maybe consider 2 sessions, and/or organize in smaller groups.

- The River Never Sleeps Festival - Very well attended and great networking with similar organizations, lots of new ones, has more of a Comox Valley focus, but still worthwhile.

- Beach Creek Spit Signage - Town has applied again for a grant, David wrote letter of support.

- Castaways Group - David made a presentation on SK activities, very well received.

#### **5. Policy**

- Tentatively hold AGM around the end of October.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson  
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