

Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers Society - Board Minutes
9:00am Wednesday - October 5th, 2022 - MLA Walker's Office

Present: David James (Chair), Neil Worboys, Louella MacVicar, Tom Whitfield, Peter Drummond, Daryl Erickson, Ray Woroniak, Pat Jacobson

Items of Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes for August 5/22** - moved by Neil, seconded by Louella that minutes be approved. Carried.

2. **Financial/Membership Update** - Daryl advises that as of September 30/22 we have 61 paid memberships. Our liability insurance is now in place at a cost of \$534.60. A full financial report for our fiscal year ending January 31st, 2022 will be available at our AGM on Oct. 22.

3. **AGM - Saturday, October 22 at 10:00am - Action Items** -

- send invite to the new Council and CAO - David
- send invite to the E & S Committee - Ray
- all current Board members are staying on, Pat as Member at Large, Peter will not be putting his name forward again.
- Pat to invite Barry to do the election of the new Board.
- David will do a slide presentation on the year's activities, including financial info for fiscal year ending Jan. 31st, 2022
- we have the room at St. Stephens available from 8:30 to 12:30
- Daryl, Mick and Louella to renew memberships and sign up new members
- Neil to look after coffee and cookies.
- Ray and Sasha to do the display (check with Gord re banners)
- Pat to draft a position description for a publicity/communications person(s)

4. **Project Activity**

Little Qualicum River Estuary - A submission on a long range plan will be made to the RDN Board in November by all the stakeholders. A recent check of plantings revealed many that haven't survived the drought despite irrigation. The best survivors are shore pine, black hawthorne, nootka rose, and beach grass! Saturday, November 7th at 10:00am is planned date to do clean-up and remove one large ex-closure, smaller wire cages, and invasive plants. David to advise Mark Sawers.

Memorial Golf Club/Streamkeeper Joint Planning - In process, waiting for the GC to confirm the draft plan.

Seaside Nature Park/Faye Smith Pavilion - Needs more attention, weeding, thinning, and liaison with the Town. Pat to contact the CAO.

Beach Creek Caissons - The Town contracted Dave Clough to clean out the caissons, SK volunteers assisted. There were plenty of fish around!

MABRII Wetland Monitoring - This is ongoing, the date of the next one is not yet set.

MABRII/VIU - Tire chemical monitoring - The first round of testing for a chemical from car tires (6PPDQ) was done on August 17th.

Level Logger and Water Flow Monitoring with BCCF (Beach & Grandon)- Ray advises they did an audit of our processes and we passed. Ed & Katherine will take on Grandon Creek but we need 3 or 4 more volunteers. Ray to draft a request to be sent out to our membership.

MABRII Forage Fish Monitoring - Next session Oct/Nov - Sand lance should be around.

RDN Water Testing - The summer session started August 16th, we are waiting for a start date for the fall flush and have just been advised by the RDN that it will be either Oct. 18 or Oct. 25 depending on precipitation.

Fish Population Survey - To take place on October 13th, notice has been sent out to members.

Improving Spawning habitat (gravel beds) in Beach Creek - Looking for places in the general area of the Golf Course and Heritage Forest. Ray and Tom to develop a proposal.

Prepared by Pat Jacobson
October 9th, 2022