

BCFFF AGM Courtenay April 2015

7 IWFF members were able to take part in the AGM in Courtenay on Saturday April 25. Lloyd Ericson and Jim McEwan are on the executive again this year and a new president was elected.(see full slate below)

We carpooled up from Dennis's place on Saturday morning, only getting lost once . . . directions were left on the counter at home (no names mentioned, Dennis!) but we did the unmanly thing and stopped for directions at a store on Lake Trail Road. Once we arrived, the actual meeting was pretty well over (John, Lloyd and Jim) had gone up earlier and helped with setup and attended the meeting.

The facility on Comox Lake (Fish and Game club) was perfect for the events and the weather cooperated to make the outdoor events enjoyable. Demonstrations of single (with Denise Maxwell) and double (with Dan MacCrimmon) handed casting were provided with lots of opportunities for members to ask questions and get assistance with their casting.

The silent auction had a variety of items of interest to fly fishers and the bidding was highly competitive, especially as the deadlines for closure approached. I missed out on the rod holder I bid on by a \$2 bid above mine in the last few minutes before the deadline.

The evening's activities included a buffet dinner (definitely a cut above rubber chicken!) and some entertaining talks by 3 of the original authors of "The Gilly".(Ralph Shaw, Denise Maxwell and Peter Caverhill) The original book was done in the era of typewriters rather than word processors and no internet . . . how did they manage!!

We all appreciated the club's donation toward the BCFFF banquet and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to connect with fly fishers from other parts of B.C. I talked with a fellow from Vernon (cannot remember the name . . . but I sometimes forget my own name!)—I assume he was the furthest member away to attend the meeting.

BCFFF Executive 2015

Position	Name	Region	Affiliation
President	Rich Ronyecz	1	Mid-Island Castaways
Past President	Kyle Sawayama	1	Direct Member
First Vice President	Myles Armstead	1	Comox Valley Fly Fishers
Second Vice President	Phil Rogers	8	Penticton Fly Fishers
Secretary	Peter Caverhill	2	Osprey Fly Fishers
Treasurer	Jim McEwan	1	Island Waters Fly Fishers
Membership Director	Ken Burgess	8	Kalamalka Fly Fishers
Board Member	Jesse Blake	1	Long Beach Fly Fishing Foundation
Board Member	Lloyd Erickson	1	Island Waters Fly Fishers
Board Member	Don Grimway	2	Direct Member
Board Member	Trevor Nowak	1	Direct Member
Board Member	Trystan Willmott	1	Direct Member



3 authors involved in the original Gilley presented short then and now talks about their involvement in the making of the book



Bob M. getting the low down on tying Tom Thumbs from Ralph Shaw



Highlight of the day . . . members line up for a buffet dinner



John Booby Ellis discussing intricacies of tying his favourite flies



Mike Hay's contribution to the silent auction



Mounted salmon fly for silent auction



single handed fly fishing demonstration



Spey casting demo

Ian Stewart
April 30, 2015



Taking a break for a walk along the waterfront with Comox Lake in background