

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held On: April 28, 2015, Rotary Field House, Nanaimo BC., chaired by Ron Schiefke.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:15 pm. with Bob MacEachern introducing the program speaker, Teddy Brookman, whose topic was “The Cowichan River”. Teddy has worked tirelessly over many years on the conservation of the Cowichan’s waters and fish. He outlined how difficult it is to make progress on such sensitive, government managed resources and although there have been successes such as major erosion control and raising the level of the weir, he made it clear that continued vigilance and involvement of the public is required conserve the water and fish of the Cowichan River. Bob thanked Teddy for his detailed and informative presentation and presented him with an IWFF hand crafted pen in appreciation. After a short coffee break the business meeting began at 8:20 pm.

Business:

Conservation: Bob Kissinger reported that the DFO wants to collect information on the spring run of Chinook in the Nanaimo River. Bob called for volunteers to help with beach seining and some stream searches. Bob will notify those who volunteered when the activities start.

Summer BBQ: Moved by Bernie Heinrichs, seconded John Ellis, that the **Club’s Summer BBQ** be combined with the **Divas On The Fly** celebration day and the **Family Fishing Day** on June 21st. at Second Beach on Westwood Lake., carried.

Kissinger Lake Fish-out: Don Ginter reported that the **Kissinger Lake Fish-out** was a tremendous success. A large turnout of 25 people, including several wives, enjoyed great weather, great fishing and a great pot-luck dinner on Saturday night.

BCFFF: Don Ginter proposed the idea of getting the **Fishing Regulations** to include **longitude and latitude** data with the named locations on rivers and lakes in the regulations to enable people to use **GPS technology** to locate them more accurately. Ron Schiefke proposed the idea to the BCFFF and received very little support.

Membership: Rick Wanhill reported that we had 55 paid up members.

Library: Bruce Murray asked members to let him know of any good books or videos that could be included in our library.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer reported that this year’s fly tying sessions at Oliver Woods were again very well attended. Jack thanked all the members who contributed with a special thank you for those members that supplied the main courses for the lunches.

Panther Lake: Bob Leverman reported that the road to **Panther Lake** was open and in good condition. The gates are open Sunday to Thursday, 8:00 am.-5:00 pm. and Friday to Saturday, 8:00 am.- 8:00 pm. Bob also reminded members that they need to fill out the form and send it along with the \$10:00 fee to Bob in order to fish Panther Lake. Forms are available from Bob.

Website: Dan Hooper is looking for an assistant to help on the website when he is away. If there is no assistant on the occasions Dan is away members will have to go without the weekly Sunday notices.

Programs: Bob MacEachern announced that **St Johns Ambulance** will do a presentation on first aid at the May general meeting. Bob also reported that he made a trip with Don Ginter to the Comox club for Don to do his presentation on **building cane rods**. Bob hopes that this trip might result in a return presentation for us by a Comox member. Bob also reported that 7 members had travelled to Duncan to attend a great presentation by **Phil Rowley**.

Casting Clinic: A casting clinic will be held at **Westwood Lake on April 12**. Several members volunteered to be instructors.

George McGladrey: George reported that past member, **Mark McGladrey**, had passed away. Moved by Bob MacEachern, seconded by Bruce Murray that flowers be sent to his wife. Carried.

Ghilley: Gerry Stevens awarded Andrew Cathers with a knife and Lloyd Erickson with the \$25.00 prize.

Fly Draw: George McGladrey awarded Paul Inscho and Gordon Sharrocks with fly swatters covered with flies.

Adjourned: Bob Kissinger moved for adjournment at 9:15 pm., carried.