

## ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

**Held On:** January 27, 2015, Rotary Field House, Nanaimo BC., chaired by Don Ginter.

**Call to Order:** 7:15 pm.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Ron Busche moved that the minutes be accepted as read, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lance Mitchell submitted a statement with a balance of \$4,548.03. Lance moved that the statement be accepted as submitted, carried

**Guests:** Dennis Mullins introduced the lone guest, Guy Wilson.

### **Committees:**

Entertainment: Wayne Pealo gave an update on three **club awards**. The Tom Skilton Conservation Award went to Bernie Heinrichs with the Bill Brown Award for the best newsletter item going to Leo Snye and a special award, the Long Drop Award, went to Bob Kissinger for his contributions building and installing outhouse building. Wayne then reported that the **St Patrick Day's Pot Luck luncheon** will be on March 15 from 1 to 4 pm at the Bowen Park lawn bowling facility. There will be an emphasis on green food along with a movie of Ireland with music and two raffles of Irish flies. Wayne also reported that the **Divas ON The Fly** program this year will be a one day reunion celebration for approximately 47 ladies on June 15. It will feature a pancake breakfast, fishing and a BBQ lunch. Wayne will be looking for volunteers to help, especially with their fishing skills and boats. Finally Wayne announced that the club's annual **Swap and Shop** will be on March 29 at Oliver woods. There will be a maximum of 22 tables including a club table for members to contribute to or to sell items personally. Wayne will require volunteers to help set up and take down the two rooms.

Conservation: Bob Kissinger put forward the suggestion that the members organize a Nanaimo River clean up for the upcoming **River's Day** in September. The membership expressed their support for the idea.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer reported that the last fly tying session was very successful with the attendance of eight members of the Comox Fly Tying group. Jack Thanked Gordon Sharrock for providing the chili for lunch. The next fly tying session will be on February 7, at Oliver Woods. Jack also reported that he, along with Bob MacEachern and Don Ginter, approached **Cabela's** and spoke with the sales manager, Shawn Fiddick. Shawn expressed a strong desire to work with and support the IWFF whenever possible. In turn, Jack offered to do some fly tying sessions in their store. Consequently, they are looking at February 8 as a possible date and several members volunteered to help.

River Walk: Ian Stewart announced he will be leading a **river walk** on the **Little Qualicum River** on February 14.

### **New Business:**

Tradex: John Ellis announced he was looking for volunteers to go on the club's annual trip to the Tradex in Abbotsford to support the BCFFF. They would be in the BCFFF's booth helping beginners to tie flies. Several members volunteered to go.

**Gilley:** Gerry Stevens presented a \$20 gift certificate to Guy Wilson, water bottles to Bob Leverman, Rick Wanhill and Ant Elsdale and the \$25 cash prize to Bob Kissinger.

**Fly Draw:** Jeorge MacGladrey presented ties covered in flies to Dan Hooper and Bob MacEachern, a bottle of wine to Lance Mitchell, rod and reel bags to Rick Wanhill and a selection of Jack Toomer's steelhead flies to Gordon Sharrock.

**Adjournment:** Bob MacEachern called for adjournment at 8:10, carried.

**Presentation:** Following the general meeting and a short coffee break the evening activity began with four members, Andrew Cathers, Bob Leverman, Ton Plijnaar and Jack Toomer tying different flies for the education and enjoyment of the members. There were many comments of appreciation. It was 9:15 before everyone packed up and left.