

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held On: September 22, 2015, Rotary Field House, Nanaimo BC., chaired by Ron Schiefke.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:15 pm. with Ron Schiefke introducing the program speaker, Wayne Pealo, on the topic "How to Fish Schitz Creek", AKA the Nushagak river in Alaska. Wayne delivered an entertaining and informative talk on Alaskan excursions including planning, preparation, transportation, equipment and gear, techniques and flies, along with various destinations and species of fish. After a short coffee break the general meeting began at 8:25 pm.

Guests: Dennis Mullins introduced guest Bob Harder.

Treasurer's Report: Ian Stewart reported a balance of \$4,498.14. Ian moved that the statement be accepted as read, carried.

Old Business:

Fishouts: Ian Stewart questioned the validity of our present agreement with Timber West regarding Panther Lake given that the lake now appears to be open to everyone on a regular basis. The membership agreed to maintain the agreement for now with the option of cancelling when the present agreement expires on May 31, 2016.

Entertainment: Dennis Mullins announced that we are looking at holding this year's Xmas dinner at the Cottonwood Golf Club in Cedar. The proposed cost of \$25 a plate would include everything. Also, the membership was advised to look for a notice in October about a possible Wednesday lunch date at the Cottonwood club.

Programs: Lance Mitchell reported that Bob MacEachern is planning on having fly tying demonstrations at the October Meeting.

Library: Bruce Murray requested members wanting books or DVDs from the library to e-mail him and he will be glad to deliver materials to the next general meeting. Members are reminded that all books and DVDs in the library are listed on the website.

Website: Dan Hooper reported that while he was away all notices/requests regarding the website be directed to Bruce Murray at drbm@shaw.ca

Membership: Rick Wanhill reported 58 members.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer announced the dates for this year's fly tying sessions at Oliver woods as follows: November 7th and 28th, January 9th, February 6th, March 5th and April 2nd. Jack noted that the final date of April 2nd may be used as a Swap and Shop day.

Conservation: Bob Kissinger reported that this year's Chumfest will be held on Monday, October 26. He proposed fishing from 9:00 to 11:00 am and then heading to the pub for lunch. He also reported that David Clough has a project on Haslam Creek and could be looking for some help in the future.

River's Day: Ron Schiefke called for a volunteer to coordinate the club's activities at this year's River's Day event. There were no volunteers at the meeting so it appears we won't be participating in this year's activities.

Spey Casting: Dennis Mullins reported that he has had to cancel the proposed Spey Casting Clinic for October 17th. However he is working to come up with a new plan and received support from several volunteer participants.

New Business:

Pacific Salmon Foundation: Jack Toomer Moved that the club purchase a table at the PSF

Dinner/Auction and open it up to all members., seconded, John Ellis, carried.

Elections: Ron Schiefke reported that the only position open at present is for President. It is also noted that it is possible to create openings for anyone interested in working for the club. The executive will work to fill the President's position and is open to any offers/suggestions.

Meeting Room: Due to parking problems on a few months at the Rotary Field House, the club will investigate looking at some alternate sites. Jack Toomer will contact Cabela's and Wayne Pealo will look into the Cottonwood Golf Club.

New Constitution: Ron Moll announced that the new club constitution will be brought up at the October executive meeting with the intention of having it ratified at the October general meeting and then passed at the November Annual General Meeting.

Adjournment: Bob Kissinger moved for adjournment at 9:06 pm., carried.