

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held On: March 24, 2015, Rotary Field House, Nanaimo, BC., Chaired by Don Ginter.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:15 pm, with Bob MacEachern introducing the program speaker, Peter Huyghebaert, who spoke on preparing for the spring fishing season. His talk covered preparing lines, building leaders, and rod and reel maintenance. Peter has extensive experience in competitive fly fishing and shared several new and helpful ideas on preparing lines building leaders and tying various knots. He ended his presentation by sharing the insights and skills he has developed that make nymph fishing such an effective technique. Bob thanked Peter for his presentation and presented him with one of the club's hand crafted pens in appreciation. There was a short coffee break followed by the business meeting at 8:12 pm.

Business:

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

Treasurer's Report: Ian Stewart announced a balance of \$4,118.03. Ian moved the statement be accepted as read, carried.

Health and Welfare: Jack Toomer announced that members Lloyd Erickson and Dan Ragan were recovering from major surgeries. Both Lloyd and Dan were present at the meeting and received a welcoming round of applause.

Reports:

Bill Brown Award: Wayne Pealo presented the Bill Brown Award for the best newsletter item in 2014, to Leo Snye for his extended reports on his New Zealand fishing trip.

Swap and Shop: Wayne Pealo reminded the members of the upcoming Swap and Shop at Oliver Woods on Sunday, March 29, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. He noted that money raised from the club table goes to the club.

Membership: Rick Wanhill announced there were 51 paid up members.

Panther Lake: Bob Leverman announced he will bring the ten dollar sign up papers for Panther Lake to the next meeting for any members wishing to fish Panther Lake.

Fly tying: Jack Toomer thanked everybody who attended the fly tying sessions for the season with special thanks for those who prepared the lunches. Jack noted that it was a very successful season with a consistently good turn out.

Cabela's: Jack Toomer announced that the first fly tying demonstration by club members at Cabela's was very successful with many interested viewers. Jack noted that one person came out for the next fly tying session at Oliver Woods.

Programs: Bob MacEachern announced that April's program will be a presentation on the Cowichan River by Teddy Brookman of Teddy's Tackle and that May's program will be a presentation by St. John's Ambulance.

Diva's On The Fly: Wayne Pealo announced that he had received a \$500.00 donation towards the DOTF fund, thanks to a special dance exhibition put on by Ian Stewart's daughter. Wayne described the event as very noisy but a very energetic and interesting display of street culture dancing and thanked Ian and his daughter for all their efforts.

Kissinger Lake Camp Out: Don Ginter reminded members of the Kissinger Lake Camp Out scheduled

for April 16 – 19. Members are asked to bring a contribution to the Pot Luck dinner on Saturday night and also, if possible, bring some firewood for the nightly campfire.

Gilley: Gerry Stevens presented the \$25 prize to Brian Lapadat. He then presented don Ginter, Gordon Sharrocks, and Harry Calvin with rod bags and Ron busche and Paul Inscho with hats.

Fly Draw: Jeorge McGladrey Presented 50 fly assortments to both Dan Hooper and John Bane.

Adjournment: Paul Inscho moved for adjournment at 9:00 pm, carried.