

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held On: February 23, 2016, Rotary Field House, Nanaimo, BC., chaired by Don Ginter.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:10 pm. with a presentation by Erica Blake, the Community Advisor focused on salmon enhancement for DFO. She outlined the many community groups she had contact with up and down the Island and the complexity of working with so many different groups that are working on many different aspects of salmon enhancement. She also pointed out that the lack of a basic level of scientific data on both the fish and their environment, often made it difficult to give a definitive answer to many of the difficult questions on the problems with the different salmon fisheries. Erica was very interested in receiving ideas for future projects from a knowledgeable group like the IWFF. She fielded many questions from the members and took notes and promised to get back to us with answers. John Ellis thanked Erica for her presentation and presented her with an IWFF pocket knife. After a short coffee break the general meeting began at 8:30 pm.

General Meeting:

Minutes of Last Meeting: There were no questions on the minutes as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Ian Stewart reported a balance of \$5,521.93. Ian moved acceptance of the report, carried.

Business:

Meetings: Don Ginter informed members that the April 26 and May 24 meetings would be held at Beban Park, Room 7 on an experimental basis to solve the Spring parking problem at the Rotary Field House. Don also announced that the Family Fishing Day and the Club BBQ will be combined on June 19th with the Family Fishing Day being held at Westwood Lake and the BBQ at the Bowen Park Picnic Shelter from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Both activities will require some volunteers to help.

Fly Casting: Dennis Mullins announced that the Spring Casting Clinic will be on April 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Westwood Lake, after which all are invited to the Jingle Pot Pub for "refreshments".

Divas On The Fly: Wayne Pealo reported that 5 ladies have already signed up for the annual DOTF Retreat at Westwood Lake, June 3 – 5. Wayne also reported that the DOTF fund raiser at Woodgrove Mall, March 12 and 13, needs members to sign up for 3 hour slots selling raffle tickets and/or tying flies.

Swap and Shop: Wayne Pealo reported that this year's Swap and Shop is being sponsored by the Outdoor Club at Woodlands School and will be held on April 2nd in the Woodland's gym. Wayne has reserved 13 tables for the club. Members can contribute to a club table or purchase their own table for \$20.

Cowichan River Walk: Wayne Pealo announced that those interested in joining the Cowichan River Walk on February 24th, will meet at the Southend Tim Horton's at 7:30 am. and then carpool to the river.

Fly fishing Course: Wayne Pealo will be putting on a Fly Fishing Course for Parks and Recreation. It will be held in May on three Wednesday evenings and one Saturday morning.

Conservation: Bob Kissinger announced that this year's clean up at the Eve River will be held on July 8th or 9th. Bob will give first choice to members who have not been on a previous clean up. Bob also reported that this year's Nanaimo City Waters Day will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in Bowen Park. Bob asked for volunteers to help himself and Bernie Heinrichs to manage a booth and tie some flies. Finally, Bob announced he will be leading a walk to the Chemainus River estuary in early April with the date to be announced.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer announced that the last Oliver Woods fly tying session for this year will be on March 5th and Ant Elsdale immediately volunteered to be the chef and do the lunch.

Roche Lake Fishout: Jack Toomer announced that this year's interior fishout would be a camping trip to Roche Lake on June 20 for about a week. All are welcome to join in and Jack has space in a 6 man tent for others on a first come first served basis. Also, there is the possibility of a group going to the Chilcotin.

Website: Dan Hooper announced that he will continue to look into ways to be able to restrict access to the website to members only.

Membership: Rick Wanhill announced that we have 45 paid up members.

Library: Bruce Murray reported that for the first time in weeks, he had a request for books and urges others to take advantage of the libraries excellent books and videos which are all listed on the website. Members can order any book or video in the library by simply phoning/emailing Bruce Murray and ordering it.

BCFFF: Lloyd Erickson reported that the BCFFF AGM will be on April 29 – 30 at Corbett Lake. Friday 29th will be a meet and greet, the 30th will be the Annual General Meeting with Sunday, May 1 available for fishing.

Gilley: Gerry Stevens awarded the \$25 prize to Jeorge McGladrey and some BBQ supplies to Lane Rozzano.

Fly Draw: Jeorge McGladrey handed out a St. Patrick's Day card covered in flies to Jim MacFie, a St Patrick's Day Tie covered in flies to Paul Inscho and a box of Steelhead flies tied by Wally Nowak to Ron Busche.

Adjournment: Bob Kissinger called for adjournment at 9:20 pm., carried.