

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING.

Held On: May 24, 2016, Beban Park, Room 7, Nanaimo BC., chaired by Don Ginter.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:10 pm. with a presentation by Hugh Scott on “Fly Lines”. It was a very thorough presentation going through the history of fly lines from silk to all the modern variations in the skagit and xxxxx lines and even the new very specialized lines aimed at niche markets. John Ellis thanked Hugh for his informative presentation and presented him with an IWWF pocket knife. After a short coffee break the general meeting began at 8:25 pm.

Guests: Bob MacEachern introduced guest Glen Steele from Ladysmith.

Business:

Meeting Facility: The executive recommended that the general meetings be held in the Cadet Building on the Military grounds accessed off of Nanaimo Lakes Road. Wayne Pealo outlined all the advantages of relocating, including excellent lighted parking, ample room, good kitchen facilities, storage availability and easy access. Wayne also noted that the military was eager to satisfy all our requirements around times and dates for meetings and other potential uses. After a short discussion by the members it was moved by Ron Schiefke and seconded by Paul Inscho, that the club move the club's general meetings to the cadet building, beginning in September, 2016. Carried.

Conservation: Bob Kissinger reported that the opening for sockeye on the Somass and Stamp rivers will be on May 1. He also reported that there will be a survey of the Millstone River done on June 8 and 9. There are presently 9 volunteers to help with the survey. Any members also wishing to volunteer are asked to contact Bob. Bob also notified members that a Stream Keepers class is planned for October. Again, interested members should contact Bob.

Fly Fishing Course: Wayne Pealo, on behalf of Parks and REC, is doing a 3 night, fly fishing course for women. As part of the course they will be given club memberships as a way of encouraging them to get more involved with fly fishing. Wayne, along with Bob Kissinger, also updated the members on their ongoing efforts to encourage and support women in fly fishing. They are in contact with Lynn Grey from Comox who has started meeting with a group of fly fisher women, Broads With Rods, in her home. Bob and Wayne have also been offering support and encouragement to Melody Grey (no relation) who has also expressed an interest in supporting a women's group in Nanaimo.

Divas On The Fly: Wayne Pealo reported that this year's DOTF program has a full slate of 13 women signed up and is all organized for June 3 – 5. He has support from several dealers including Sage and Superfly. He still requires a few more ghillies with boats to take the ladies fishing on Westwood Lake on Sunday.

Cabela's: John Ellis and Jack Toomer reported that the club's contribution of fly tying and casting at Cabela's womens day was a complete waste of time. John and Jack will be meeting

with Cabela's to express their frustrations with the day. They will also convey their willingness to continue supporting fly fishing in conjunction with Cabela's, but only if there is early notification and evidence of adequate pre planning.

Family Fishing Day: George McGladrey encouraged members to attend the Family Fishing Day as a way of encouraging family fishing. She reported that all is organized and will be led by Gordon Sharrocks. This year the event has been relocated from Westwood Lake to the lower pond in the Colliery Dam Park.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer reported that while the general meetings will be moving to the Cadet Hall, the fly tying sessions will continue to be at the Oliver Woods Community Hall. Jack noted how successful the program has been and how Oliver Woods especially offered a lot of contact with the public, both young and old. The dates for next year will be published as soon as Jack has confirmed the bookings.

Club BBQ: Bob MacEachern announced that due to a very busy club schedule in June, the club's June BBQ will be moved to August, the date as yet to be decided.

Roche Lake: Jack Toomer announced that the planning meeting for the Roche Lake fishout will be at his house on Wednesday, June 1 at 1:00 pm, following the pub lunch.

Chilcotin: The Chilcotin fishout, led by Ian Stewart will be leaving on June 13 for approximately 10 days. Ian will be calling a meeting for all those interested.

Website: dan Hooper reported that the new member's page was working well and that he will be working on updating and improving the website for next year.

Programs: John Ellis requested members to send him any and all ideas that members may have for next year's programs including specific topics to be covered, specific speakers, demonstrations, activities, travel sites, equipment, skills, etc.

Pub Lunch: The regular Wednesday pub lunches have been very successful, largely due to the efforts of Wayne Pealo to organize and keep modifying the itinerary. Unfortunately, Wayne is stepping down and the club will require another member to take on the job and keep this successful program going. Please contact Don ginter or Wayne Pealo if you are interested in taking on the job.

Gilley: Gerry Stevens presented the \$25 prize (ahem, for the second straight month??) to Bob Kissinger, a light to Bernie Heinrichs and a fly box to Jack Toomer.

Fly Draw: George McGladrey presented collections of flies to Bob Leverman and Ant Elsdale.

Adjournment: Bob MacEachern called for adjournment at 9:26 pm., carried.