

ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held On: March 22, 2016, Rotary Field House, Nanaimo BC., chaired by Don Ginter.

Call to Order: The meeting began at 7:10 pm. with a presentation by Tristan Robbins of Fresh Water Fisheries. He gave a very interesting and information packed talk on the production and management of their trout hatcheries. John Ellis thanked Tristan for his presentation and presented him with an IWFF pocket knife. After a short coffee break the general meeting began at 8:30.

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

Treasurer's Report: Don Ginter reported a balance of \$6,900.05. Don moved acceptance of the report, carried.

Guests: Dennis Mullins introduced 4 guests; Staffan Lindgren, Darrell Chapman, Ron Witherspoon and Charles Gallimore.

Announcement: Don Ginter reminded members of the change in location for the general meetings in April and May on an experimental basis. The new location for both April and May will be **Room 7, Beban Park Social Centre.**

Directors:

Casting: Dennis Mullins reminded members of the upcoming casting clinic on April 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. at Westwood Lake. Several members signed up for levels ranging from beginner to skilled. The clinic is open to all including non members. All participants are invited to a social gathering at the Jingle Pot Pub after the clinic.

Conservation: Bob Kissinger reported that he had attended two Sport Advisory Fishery Meetings, one in Port Alberni and the other in Nanaimo. Bob noted that the Port Alberni group was noticeably more supportive of more reasonable regulations on salmon fishing in the rivers for sports fishermen than the Nanaimo group which was more supportive of the salt water anglers. Bob also reported that the IWFF participation in Waters Day was very successful, making many contacts, doing casting demonstrations, tying flies and raising \$85.00 selling raffle tickets. He thanked John Ellis, Gordon Sharrock, Ron Busche, Paul Inscho and Bernie Heinrichs for their help.

Swap and Shop: Wayne Pealo reported that the club has 15 tables for the April 2 Swap and Shop at Woodlands School from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Members can donate items for the club table or buy their own table for \$20.00. It appears that there will be a lot of fly fishing equipment and tying materials and includes suppliers like Teddy's Tackle and Darrell Wong with his large supply of economical tying materials.

Divas On The Fly: Wayne reported that he already has 10 ladies signed up for this year's DOTF Program on June 3 - 5. He also reported that Sage will again be providing rods, reels, and lines and that they had raised \$505.00 at the Woodgrove fund raiser. He also reminded members that he will be needing volunteers and boats to help out with the fly tying, casting and fishing activities over the June weekend at Westwood Lake.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer thanked all those who came out to the fly tying sessions this year and especially those who provided the lunches, contributing to another successful season.

Roche Lake: Jack Toomer reminded members of the week long, Roche Lake fish out leaving June 20. It will be a camping outing and all members are welcome to join. Those interested are asked to call or email Jack Toomer.

Programs: John Ellis reported a change in the speakers for April and May. The April speaker will now be Teddy Brookman on “Shawnigan Lake Coho” while the May speaker will be Keith Hyatt on “Fly Lines”

Agenda: Don Ginter reminded members to check the Yearly Agenda on the website for all the interesting up coming events including river walks, hatchery visits, casting clinics, fish outs, etc.

Gilley: Gerry Stevens presented the \$25.00 prize to Ant Elsdale and a BBQ kit to Guy Wilson.

Fly Draw: Jeorge McGladrey presented cartons of egg flies to Ant Elsdale and Staffan Lindgren.

Adjournment: Paul Inscho called for adjournment at 9:10 pm., carried.