

# ISLAND WATERS FLY FISHERS SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

**Held On:** January 26, 2016, Rotary Field House, Nanaimo BC., chaired by Don Ginter

**Call to Order:** The meeting began at 7:10 pm with a very interesting and detailed presentation on the Oyster River Hatchery by Jim Loring of the Comox Fly Fishing Club. Jim told the story of how the 75 member Comox Club had brought the decimated salmon runs of the Oyster River in the 1980's, back to almost historic levels today. Jim attributed the great success of the Oyster River Enhancement Society to the support of the DFO, the PSF and the Regional Districts but especially the daily hard work and leadership of the Comox Club. Jim invited anyone interested in touring the hatchery to arrange to visit on a Tuesday morning. Ron Schiefke thanked Jim for his presentation and presented him with an IWFF pocket knife. After a short coffee break the general meeting began at 8:20 pm.

### **General Meeting:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Ian Stewart's statement recorded a balance of \$4096.25. Don Ginter moved that the statement be accepted as read, carried.

**Guests:** Dennis Mullins introduced guest Layne Rozzano who reported he has been fishing almost every day and was willing to share his up-to-date knowledge of the local lakes and also looking forward to learning more about fly fishing.

### **Directors:**

Conservation: Bob Kissinger outlined Jean Michelle's request for support of the Departure Bay Creek Project which includes a complete assessment of the creek, the removal of an old bridge abutment, removing invasive plants and the installation of a smolt trap. The executive will be writing a letter supporting Jean Michelle's Departure Bay Creek Project. Bob also reported that The IWFF will continue to take part in the district Water Management Program this summer. Those interested in taking part should contact Bob Kissinger.

Fly Tying: Jack Toomer reported that the January 23, Fly Tying session was very successful with a good turnout. He also reported that John Ellis, Ton Plijnaar, Wayne Pealo and himself had participated in a fly tying demonstration for Cabela's and was able to share information on the IWFF with several people. Finally, Jack reminded members of the next fly tying session at Oliver Woods on February 6 which would feature noted Comox tier, Trevor Nowak, demonstrating how to tie Intruders and Spey flies. Jack then challenged members to sharpen their cooking skills and volunteer to make the lunch for the day.

Casting Clinics: Dennis Mullins announced two upcoming casting clinics. The first one would be in late April for single handed casting. The second one would be in early October for both double handed and single handed Spey casting.

Pub Lunches: Wayne Pealo reported that the regular Wednesday Pub schedule rotation will continue with the Longwood Pub, the Crow and Gate Pub and the Jingle Pot pub but that the fourth Wednesday in the rotation will start with a walk on a river followed by a lunch at a nearby pub.

Divas On The Fly: Wayne Pealo reported that DOTF will be conducting a fund raising event in the Woodgrove Mall on March 13-15. It will involve selling raffle tickets and flies, some fly tying and promoting the DOTF program. He also announced that the annual DOTF Retreat on Westwood Lake

will be on June 3-5.

**Membership:** Rick Wanhill reported that there were 32 paid up members and reminded members that February 29 was the deadline for 2016 dues if you wanted to be covered by BCFFF insurance.

**Gilley:** Gerry Stevens presented the cash prize to Ron Dixon and books to Dieter Barth and Bob Kissinger.

**Fly Draw:** Jeorge McGladrey presented pairs of socks covered in flies to Ron Dixon and Bob Leverman.

**Adjournment:** Bernie Heinrichs moved for adjournment at 9:00pm, carried.