

Directors Meeting Feb.23, 2020

Attending: David MacNeil, Darryl Murrant, Ken MacAulay, Nick MacInnis, Sandy Horne, Sandy MacLeod, Tim Handforth

Regrets: Gerry Doucet, Jim Lerikos, Mark Dort, Leo Callahan

Meeting called to Order 6:00 pm

Motion to approve the agenda Ken MacAulay, seconded Sandy Horne. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes form Directors Meeting Jan.26, 2020 with the following amendments:

Item 10: *A letter of support for the SMRA campaign against the Cochrane Hill gold mine was discussed.*

Add : *David MacNeil appointed Co-Chair of the Dinner Committee.*

Moved by Ken MasAulay. Seconded by Sandy Horne. Motion carried

Some discussion followed concerning the availability of habitat remediation funds from the highway twinning and the process involved in accessing funds. Nick and Ken are going to do some research.

President's Report: Tim will attend the upcoming DFO sponsored Aquatic Ecosystems Forum at St. F. X. which will focus on the updated Fisheries Act and how protection of fish and habitat will be impacted.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy explained that the new accounting software is almost in place and all records will be up to date by the next meeting. New signing officers are being registered.

Salmon Dinner: Dave reported that the committee leaders have met several time in January. Venue, menu and event planning are ongoing. A financial plan and work -sharing outline is being developed to present to SMRA. There has been discussion concerning the ARA running the dinner with our own resources. There was some discussion regarding the best way to maximize our earnings on major prizes.

Fishing Derby: Dave extended thanks to Darryl Murrant , Steve Thibodeau and the staff at Fraser's Mills for their ongoing support. Estimated attendance was about 35 children and 50 adults which is a great base to start from. Dave advised the group that all the prizes were distributed so we should start early to build our prize pool. Some discussion followed and Sandy M. and Ken offered some ideas.

River Projects: Nick advised the group of plans for the summer work season. There will be two students hired to do 10 weeks work on the South River including a habitat survey, maintenance and tree planting. There are two rocking jobs planned for the South River as well.

Fly Tying: Dave noted that there will be tying on Monday evenings until March Break.

Newsletter: Dave is considering a pre-Dinner (September ?) newsletter/brochure featuring the major auction items , information and promotion regarding the event.

Membership: Tim will send a reminder to all members to pay their dues in advance of the AGM. Dues can be paid using PayPal or at the AGM.

Brierly Brook Accessibility Site: Discussion continued about this plan. Nick will contact Kris Hunter who raised the idea in order to clarify the details and the possible role of the ARA. The upgrading of the Cameron Lake Accessible Site was discussed. Darry will contact some of the Cape Breton groups to see if we can get some information on their projects.

AGM: Sunday March 29 at the Schwartz Building 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:10