

Hook, Line & Sinkers

A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE "SIDNEY ANGLER'S ASSOCIATION"



Our Purpose

To encourage and develop interest in sport fishing and to foster and actively promote conservation and to participate in activities designed to promote habitat restoration and salmon enhancement in the Sidney area.

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Next Meeting

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Date: 25 February, 2008

Where: Mary Winspear Centre

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 08

Members and Guests Present – 38

President Jim Halston called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm

It was moved by Cliff Kindree and seconded by Claude Theriault that the minutes of the last meeting (November 26, 2007) be accepted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Glen Varney, Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society, forwarded a Press release stating that at the December meeting of the SSES a motion to cancel their 2008 Chinook Fishing Derby was proposed and unanimously passed. The massive decrease in numbers of spawning salmon returning to local waters this year is the reason for this unprecedented action.
2. Goldstream Hatchery sent us a letter stating that "the Chinook spawning run to the Goldstream this fall was a disaster (for the second straight year)." Nitinat was similar. As a result, "this does not bode well for 2011 to 2013." (returns). Their note does not comment on chum or Coho numbers. (This will likely mean no smolts for our net pen this year.) They did state in their news letter that there were decent returns of Coho through their efforts at Millstream.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Bill Knowles from the Anglers! Bill also signed up his son Jim Knowles and friend Denis Fae who were not in attendance at this meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Assets	\$16,453.88	Tide Book Receipts	\$4,125.11
Current Year Earnings to date	\$472.11	Ramp Receipts	\$2,100.48
Membership Dues	\$425.00		

A motion was made by Cliff Kindree and seconded by Doug Ellison to accept the report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ramp Report

The president announced that Dave Kerr is “passing the torch” and we need to have a new member of the Sidney Anglers to take up the challenge of coordinating ramp duty, etc. – a big thank you to Dave! Dave Kerr spoke to the Anglers briefly stating that now that there are new vests and a machine for ramp tickets it is a lot easier task than when he first took over. He appealed to new members to volunteer and to contact him for more information if they are considering it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The President, Jim Halston, passed on some very sad news to the Anglers of the recent passing of one of our members, Gord McMillan and of “Brownie” Richards (a previous life time member). Cards will be mailed to the families to express condolences on behalf of Sidney Anglers.

Brian Dunic mentioned that Brownie Richards fronted a large portion of the money for our current boat ramp and negotiated with the town for it to be set up there. If it weren’t for him, we may not have the ramp now.

2. Chris Bos was to speak to us regarding DFO’s Proposed Recreational Management Options for 2008 for the recreational halibut fishery but as he is not in attendance we will hold this for our next meeting.

Please Note: This correspondence can be reviewed on the clipboard at the Executive table which will be available at every meeting.

3. Jim Halston advised anglers that a few members have discussed the possibility of distributing the derby prize money for categories that do not have a fish weighed in against them. For example, in our recent derby there were only two fish weighed in, so 3rd and 4th place were not claimed. Since we have budgeted the funds as prize money, could we consider doing draw prizes for the remaining money or carrying the money forward to the next Derby and handing out more prizes or prize money at that time? If so, how would we break it down?

There was a heated discussion to follow. Many of the anglers disagreed with this - Cliff Kindree, Russell Flower, and Barry Freeman provided their comments stating that the present rules should remain as is.

Jim Halston accepted Edgar Hutchinson's motion that the Derby Rules remain as currently established. Don McIvor seconded, and the motion was carried.

4. Wayne Pullen from Port of Sidney Marina joined us to speak about the 13th Annual Port of Sidney Derby. He advised the anglers that there will be a Derby this year (May 1st, 2nd and 3rd) but he is in desperate need of help to pull it off. He spoke at some length about the details. In summary, he needs members to contact him asap and offer support in terms of volunteer time or other assistance. He asked members to respond quickly in terms of signing up and providing entrance fees when we receive our packages in February. In addition, he would like us to quickly "get the word out" and advertising posted about the Derby. Wayne can be contacted at (cell 920-8068) or in person at the Port of Sidney Marina.
5. West Marine advised us recently that they are willing to donate a \$20. gift certificate to the ladder board winners every month. As a result of this announcement, at our last executive meeting, we voted to approve that Sidney Anglers' will continue to provide the \$20. cheque in addition to the \$20. gift certificate provided by West Marine. This will increase the overall amount for winning the ladder board to \$40 from \$20.
6. Colin Franks is not here tonight, but we want to express our sincere thanks again to him for the fine work he has done in putting together the tide book. His involvement is genuinely appreciated and the success of the book is due to his hard work. Job well done Colin!
7. Thanks to all who helped with the smoked salmon night! In particular, Barry Freeman for organizing the food tables and Jim Dunn and his wife for hosting the beer and wine table. Thanks also to all of the members for participating and making the event a success.

8. A special thanks to Brian Dunic for being there for the club for the past three years as President. He did a wonderful job - I'm not sure what he did but he was there. Seriously though, thank you Brian!

Jim Halston, our new President, advised that he looks forward to being there for the club this year and will try live up to the performance of our previous presidents. Brian, Brian, Steve, Don, etc.

FISHING REPORTS OR STORIES

Grant MacPherson caught a 13.6 lb and 11lb spring and his guest a 7.5 lb spring at Fairfax, 140ft on bottom. Dallas Stober caught a 9lb spring and 7lb spring at Coal.

WINTER DERBY RESULTS:

1st place went to Brian Dunic and his faithful side kick for an 11.7 lb salmon caught in the water somewhere.

2nd place went to Richard Lake et al for a 7.5 lb salmon caught at Fairfax Pt. (somewhere).

THE NEXT DERBY is April 13th.

MEMBERS' DRAW

Emil Bukach wins the \$150. The next members' draw will be for \$50.

LADDER BOARD

The following individuals won the ladder board last year but were not present to accept their gift certificates. Jim Halston called out the names for presentation of certificates:

February - Steve Dvorsky – presented with his gift certificate

June - Ken McKay – not in attendance

August - Jim Ralph – not in attendance

October - Alex Onischuk – not in attendance

Congratulations to all!

Bert Vanderveen was not in attendance at the meeting to announce the ladder board winners for December and January therefore these will be drawn at the next meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS Dave Stephen and Grant MacPherson
present "Freshwater Fishing"

Motion for Adjournment was made at 8:30 pm