

Hook, Line & Sinker

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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: Monday, 25 April 2011

Where: Mary Winspear Centre

MINUTES OF THE ANGLERS' GENERAL MEETING HELD 28 March 2011

Members and Guests Present – 58

President Brian Dunic called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm It was moved by Don Carter and seconded by Larry Dalziel that the minutes of the last meeting (February 28, 2011) be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS - None

TREASURERS REPORT: Dallas Stober

Assets	\$ 9,900	Tide Receipts	\$ 6,600
Membership Dues	\$ 2,000		
109 Paid Members			

Dallas advised that we are all on target and in good shape. A motion was made by Richard Lake and seconded by Dave Kerr to accept the report. The membership were all in favour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RAMP REPORT - Larry Dalziel and Jim Dunn

Larry had nothing to add other than the Ramp Duty runs from May 21st to September 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. He is circulating the list for members to put their names to assigned dates and time and there is a volunteer/on-call list if you don't know when you can commit due to work schedules, etc.

TOWN OF SIDNEY REPORT – Brian Dunic and Dallas Stober

Brian advised that they met two weeks ago. He further advised that there was a vessel that was sunk on purpose at the ramp that the town arranged to have removed the next day. All ramps will be in for the Derby – Fishing is good. We will wait until next contract with the town to negotiate shared costs.

One of the members reported that there were a lot of logs floating right into the launch area and asked if there is there a number we can call to clear this when it is bad. Brian advised that there was not and unfortunately we must wait for nature to clear them. The town does clear them from time to time and they had cleared the area a day or two before.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Unfortunately our speaker, Tom Davis was not able to attend this evening. We were lucky enough to have Joanne Skakun here this evening. She graciously offered on short notice to come here and speak to us about rig preparation (tying gear such as knots ,rigs, and wiring teaser heads). Joanne gave a very informative and enjoying talk as usual – thank you Joanne.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fishing Derby Update - Dave Stephens

We had a “walkthrough” with the town of the facilities on Tuesday and they are taking care of all kinds of things for us. In addition, we have approval permit on contact with the police and fire department. The Town is giving us electrical and access to washrooms facilities. They will also provide receptacles and remove garbage.

Boondocks will be doing the catering (Friday pulled pork) Saturday Steak or Chicken Dinner. Paypal is up and working and we have a number of tickets sold.

We will be circulating list for more volunteers tonight as we have more people here tonight than last meeting.

One rod ticket buys one rod and the Angler's name is on the ticket. Only the person named can fish. If you run more rods than you have paid for you will be disqualified. In the rules Don McIvor believes that it says that you must not have more people on the boat than you have rods for. We will check on this and consider the issue.

We have sold over 60 rods so far but Dave didn't have the exact numbers. During fishing time there isn't going to be a lot of volunteer activity so you can fish, then after the weigh in we will require more volunteers for clean up, etc.

We have the grass field that was the old ball park just past the skateboard park and this will be available for parking because there won't be enough parking at the ramp itself. Port Sidney is offering moorage 50 cents a foot so we are hoping that lots of people will be doing that. You can park in the lot at the Port of Sidney for 24 hours for about \$11. Parking in the designated grassed area will be free.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Sportsman Show at Pearkes Arena** – This will be held April 1st, 2nd and 3rd. We have purchased a booth and we have enough volunteers to man it. Come on down and check us out. We will sell memberships, Derby, dinner and raffle tickets, etc... The cost of the booth is \$250. plus \$30. This is an "Outdoor Show" so there will be canoeing, boating, fishing and other outdoor activities represented there.
2. **Purchase of Ken Kirkby's prints** – Brian advised the membership that Ken Kirkby generously donated eight small prints of various fish (trout, salmon, etc..) which are very beautiful. He has done this so that we so that we can sell them in a raffle or whatever we wish. Fifty percent of the funds will go to the Sidney Anglers' Association toward conservation efforts and 50 percent to Nile Creek for the same. We would would like to have a vote from the membership to pay Ken his portion of this money up front this at a cost to us of \$1120. at \$275. per print. Brian requested a motion from the floor. It was moved by Larry Dalziel that we pay Ken his portion of \$1120. With the proviso that the SAA will not sell the prints without making a profit to go toward conservation. This was seconded by Don Young. All members voted overwhelmingly in favour of this motion. Motion carried. The prints will be kept in a safe place at Larry Dalziel's house until sold.

3. **Coho Net Pen** - We have drafted a letter to the Town asking their permission to place the net pen and for assistance in assembling the net pen, etc... We have also received a document for discussion this evening about the Coho Net Pen Project 2011.

Dan Claxton Fisheries Manager for the Tsawout Band, Erica Blake from DFO and Ian Bruce from Peninsula Streams (he works part time on contract for the Tsawout Band) spoke to the membership to present the proposal for a Coho Net Pen partnership with the SAA for 2011.

They informed the members that Coho stock are being held at the Goldstream hatchery for this project. These smolts have been successful in Oregon. The goal for this project is to generate a fishery here. Unfortunately this year the Coho smolts haven't been clipped so approval may need to be obtained for a small boundary area to be set up and designated as a special fishery. They are looking into obtaining the approval for this from DFO. Dan has some equipment and money for the feed for the smolts. He is looking to rebuild relationships with the SAA, etc... by working on this project together. Approximately 20,000 super smolts will be placed in each of two Net Pens.

There is some talk about the fact that because they aren't clipped, the Coho are not going to be available for retention, however, as Erica advised, a precedent has been set up elsewhere for retention of unclipped stock so there may be a boundary set within which you (the sports fisherperson) could retain unclipped fish. Historically we are aloud to retain one wild Coho in area 18 after October first as we have always been able to do on an annual basis.

These fish are expected to spawn, then return to the area and take the first opportunity to go up a river/stream in the area – this is what is hoped for anyway. We will likely see it this fall with Jacks. Historically in Oregon and the Columbia River that is what has happened Dan Claxton advised.

One of the members asked who will the management of these fish will be controlled by? Erica advised that it is her job is to support community groups. She further advised that she has been battling through regulations to see how she can move this forward. Knuma has results and she is waiting to see those. She is also looking at it from a biological perspective as well. We haven't got everything hammered out with all of the parties yet. We have to be cognisant of any impact on Goldstream Coho, etc... to see what kind of impacts there would be.

Another member asked that if we are looking at this long term, how are they going to gauge the success of the fishery, particularly if the fish aren't clipped. Are they going to have a specialized license within the boundaries? If you can't measure the success of the Net Pen then the opportunity will be lost. The member was given the impression that they would never be clipped but Brian Dunic clarified that they will be clipped next year – it just wasn't possible this year. Ian Bruce advised that there are many different kinds of clips and they can be done at different times of the year.

Another SAA member advised that he would be glad to work on Net Pen as he lives close to James Island dock. He is also asked if we would have an opportunity to retain the fish when they return. Erica advised that again that they are still in negotiation on this issue and they did not have a decision on this as yet. Brian Dunic told the membership that if these fish are put in in May, they will be returning in 18 months. They are trying to work out the retention issues but at the current time it is retention of only one wild Coho after October 1.

Dan Claxton (who is also a new member of the Sidney Anglers' Association) stated again to the membership that he was looking for our (the SAA's) support, volunteers and to improve our relationships as well as to encourage/enhance a viable fishery. He said that he will take care of the food and that he was trying to secure a pen. He has two nets but if he can, he would like to use the old SAA pen if he could. The Coho will be about 5 times the size of the Chinook fry that the SAA had in our last Chinook Pen.

A member stated that historically we run the Chinook Net Pen off James Island and asked, in the future what implications does a Coho Net Pen in the area have on our Chinook Net Pen opportunity? Ian Bruce stated that he did feel it would have any effect.

Brian Dunic addressed the membership saying "isn't it more important to put fish in the water for future generations?"

Erica responded stating that she wants water quality cultures to be done before and after to determine whether or not there will be biological impacts.

Brian Dunic stated that he thought the Beacon pier would be best. Deeper water for a 35 ft clearance. Ian Bruce said that about 30 ft is ideal.

Don Carter made a motion that the membership move forward to support Dan Claxton and the team to support two Coho Net Pens and we (the SAA) will supply a pen and labour. This motion was seconded by Brian Vanderkracht – the membership voted overwhelmingly in favour of this Project. Motion passed. Clive Lane volunteered to coordinate our efforts in this regard. Thanks Clive.

4. **Planting Kelp** - Members were asked if we wish to start planting Kelp? We would have Nikki Wright to speak at the May meeting. The members voted in favour of investigating this. This will be discussed in more detail at a later meeting.
5. **Russ Flower** advised the membership that he has two downriggers for sale. Scotty strongarm 20 inch booms tilt and swivel bases – if interested will make you a deal.

FISHING REPORTS OR STORIES

Clive participated in outplanting 88 thousand Nitrat Coho – they will launch out of Goldstream. Grant MacPherson caught two Chinook – let one barely legal go – could have been a winner. Six Hali apparently cam in at Pedder according to rumour and a 275 lb Halibut was caught at Race Rocks by someone.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE DRAW

At the last meeting we held two attendance draws as we did not have enough tickets at the meeting prior. Paul McGoldrick's name was drawn for \$75. in the first draw and unfortunately he was not in attendance. The second draw was for \$100. and Don Gamble's name was drawn. He too was not in attendance so tonight's draw was for \$125. The winner for tonight's draw is Bruce Regensberg as he too is not here, the draw at the next meeting will be for \$150.

FISH AND CHIPS DERBY RESULTS - Sunday, March 27, 2011

No Fish weighed in mostly due to inclement weather. Two anchors lost. There was some discussion around whether or not we wanted to reschedule since no fish were caught but the membership decided against it as we don't do it for any of our other derbies. The \$25. draw for attendance at the weigh in was won by Joyce Menzies.

NEXT DERBY

Premier Derby, Sunday, April 10, 2011

LADDER BOARD: Bert van der Veen:

JANUARY:
- Richard Lake - a 20.4,19.12, 17.4, 16, 14.4 & 8.8 lb Chinook at Wain Rock
- Leo Chrzanowski - a 19.14 lb Chinook at Arbutus
- Dave Watson - a 17.9 lb Chinook at Coal Island
- Brian Dunic - a 16.7 and 12.5 lb Chinook at Coal
- Barry Freeman a 14.1 lb Chinook at Coal
- Ryan Freeman a 12.10 lb Chinook at Coal
- Bob Hall a 12.4 lb Chinook at Fairfax
- Don McIvor a 12.4 lb Chinook at Arbutus
- Chris Macris a 10.10 and 9.11 lb at Coal Island
- Dan Claxton 9.9 lb at Coal Island
- Jim Halston 9.3 lb Chinook at Coal Island
- Steve Roberts 8.1 lb Chinook at Fairfax
- Steve Dvorsky 6.3 lb Chinook at Morsby
Winner of Draw for January is: Brian Dunic

FEBRUARY:
- Steve Dvorsky 17.8 & 7.6 lb Chinook at Mandarte
- Grant MacPherson 12, 10.5 & 10.2 lb Chinook at Moses and Fairfax
- Don McIvor 8.8 lb Chinook at Coal
- Leo Chrzanowski 7 lb Chinook at Sidney Channel
Winner of Draw for February is: Richard Lake

UPCOMING SPEAKER:

We are hoping to get a representative from Goldstream Hatchery.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 25, 2011

A Motion for adjournment was made by Dave Stephen and seconded by Clive Lane. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.