

# 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, November 22, 2010

**Where:** Mary Winspear Centre

## MINUTES OF THE ANGLERS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 22 NOVEMBER 2010

**Members and Guests Present – 71**

**President Jim Halston called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm**

It was moved by Miles Primrose and seconded by Dave Stephen that the minutes of the last meeting (October 25, 2010) be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:** N/A

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Dallas Stober

Assets	\$ 11,099.	Tide Receipts	\$ 7,045.
Current YTD Earnings	\$ -276.	Ramp Receipts	\$ 33,812.
Membership Dues	\$ 2,095.	Ramp Expenses	\$ 27,534.
Total Revenue from Merchandise Sales (i.e., hats, burgees, etc)			\$ 770.

Note: Dallas advised that this was the second best year ever for the ramp.

A motion was made by Ken Clements and seconded by Claude Theriault to accept the report. The membership was all in favour.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Ramp Report - Claude Theriault**

As you all probably know by now, Claude and Richard will be retiring from the coordination of the ramp. Larry Dalziel and Jim Dunn have volunteered to take over. On behalf of the membership, Jim thanked Claude and Richard for all of their hard work!

Larry Dalziel's name was drawn for the rod and reel package for volunteers at the ramp.

### **Town of Sidney Report – Brian Dunic**

Nothing to report other than the machines at the ramp are working.

### **Bar Report – Stan Stubbs**

Beer	107	Coolers	5
Pop	31	Cash	\$ -119.63
Wine	19 L		

Just a reminder that Stan has announced that he will be resigning from his role in tending the bar for the General Meetings in the New Year. He will continue to offer his services to tend bar for the BBQ, AGM and specific Anglers' events.

We will need someone to take over his role in the New Year in order to continue to make drinks available at our meetings. If anyone wants to volunteer to take on this role, please let us know.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Fishing Derby Committee Update: Dave Stephen provided the membership with an update of Committee activities.
2. A motion was passed at the September meeting to increase our SAA Annual membership dues.

The motion was:

To increase our Sidney Anglers' Membership Fees by \$5, from \$15 to \$20 for a single membership and from \$20 to \$25 for a family membership next year, contingent upon this motion not being in violation of the Constitution.

Executive have reviewed the Constitution and it states that such a motion "may" be passed at the AGM. We therefore presented a notice of motion that this will be put to a vote at this meeting. Members were asked if there were any comments or questions and there were none.

The motion was made again by Grant MacPherson as stated above. The motion was seconded by Don Carter and was approved by all and passed by the membership. There was no opposition to the motion.

3. We did not have a vote for a donation to the food bank this year as we voted against doing this at our last meeting. Instead, we provided a drop box for non-perishable foods and a representative from the food bank was in attendance to accept any generous personal donations. A receipt was issued on request, for any personal cash/cheque donations over \$20.

Jim made a personal donation and he encouraged everyone to do so. Thanks to the membership in attendance, a significant contribution of both dollars and food items was made. The membership was also reminded that the food bank is in need of donations all year round – not just during the holiday season.

4. **Lifetime Memberships** - Jim Halston announced that Executive had received a few nominations for Lifetime Memberships and have approved two very deserving individuals to receive Lifetime Memberships this year. The individuals are Alex Onischuk and Edgar Hutchinson. Alex and Edgar are well known to everyone as are the contributions that they have made to the Association; however Jim Halston gave a brief overview of their contributions to the membership. As neither Alex nor Edgar were in attendance, arrangements will

be made to contact them and provide them with their awards and membership cards. Congratulations to Alex and Edgar!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Audit of Sidney Anglers' Association Financial Records** - Doug Ellison announced to the membership that he had completed an audit of the financial records of the Sidney Anglers' Association including the records covering the operation of the launch ramp for fiscal year 09/10. The Audit was conducted during the period of 9 to 17 November 2010.

The SAA accounting records as presented by the Treasurer and other records covering the revenue from the sale of annual memberships, ramp launch tickets, seasonal and annual launch passes were reviewed for the period commencing 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2010. The financial statements dated 31 October 2010 recording a membership equity of \$11,098.91 were deemed to present fairly the true financial position of the Association to the end of the fiscal year. The financial records were considered to have been maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards and on a basis consistent with that of the previous year.

In summary there were no significant audit findings in this year's review. Minor discrepancies noted during the course of the audit were discussed with the Treasurer, Dallas Stober, and resolved.

Mr. Ellison continued to present further details of the Audit to the membership.

From a gross annual ramp revenue of \$33,812.35 for the fiscal year 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2010, the sum of \$26,807.05 was remitted to the Town of Sidney. The monthly payments to the Town of Sidney were found to have been accurately calculated and applied on a basis consistent with that of the previous years.

Doug reported that it is significant to note for FY 09/10 that no revenue was collected from the coin machine for the month of October 2010 due to a problem with the machine. The problem has now been fixed and the revenue for that period will be included with launch revenue for 2010 and the audit of the accounting records of the SAA did not include any examination of the cash receipts from Precise Park for launches paid by credit card in FY 09/10.

Special thanks were given to Dallas Stober for his role as Treasurer, to Executive and to Ian Nadiger for his role with the ramp.

## **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

A motion was made by Dave Stephen to accept the Audit as reported. This was seconded by Don McIvor and a vote of acceptance was received from the membership by a show of hands. All in were in favour.

2. A member suggested that if the SAA is trying to save money for derbies, we should just have prizes for first, second and third rather than giving out prizes for fourth and fifth place as well. Jim Halston advised that the Executive would discuss this issue and report back to the membership.
3. The membership was advised that John Anderson, a long term member of the Sidney Anglers, recently passed away. One of the members spoke of what a wonderful man he was and a moment of silence was observed in his memory.

## **FISHING REPORTS OR STORIES**

No Stories provided.

## **MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE DRAW**

Eric Oja's name was drawn for \$25. at the last meeting however he was not in attendance. Robino Dunic's name was drawn at this meeting for \$50. but he was not in attendance. The draw for the next meeting in January will be for \$75.

## **NEXT DERBY**

**Otto Wiggins Winter Derby** - January 14, 2010.

**LADDER BOARD:** Bert Vanderveen reported that he was too excited about attending the AGM and unfortunately left his ladder board information at home. He will report at the next meeting.

## **2010 ELECTIONS FOR SAA EXECUTIVE**

Brian Smith, Electoral Officer, advised the membership that Jim Halston is resigning from his role as President but has agreed to continue to serve in another capacity. Cliff Kindree is also resigning from Executive. Cliff will continue to be responsible for the prize draws for all of our events. Brian went on to thank them both for their dedication and service to the Executive and the membership of the Sidney Anglers' Association. He also thanked the other members of the current Executive for their contributions this past year. There was a round of applause from the membership.

Brian advised the membership that the remaining members of Executive have agreed to continue in their roles with the addition of a new member. He asked again if there were any nominations from the membership for Executive. There were none.

He went on to announce the names and positions of the nominees for the 2011 Sidney Anglers' Association Executive Committee to the membership and a vote was taken. The membership overwhelmingly approved of the appointment of the new Executive Committee for 2011 as nominated.

The **2011 Executive Committee** is as follows:

President, Brian Dunic	250-655-1077
Vice-President, Larry Dalziel	250-655-6548
Past President, Jim Halston	250-652-7891
Treasurer, Dallas Stober	250-655-0033
Secretary, Shirley Johnson	250-658-8591
<u>Directors:</u>	
Claude Theriault	250-656-6857
Dave Stephen	250-656-4807
Ken Clements	250-652-2993
<u>Ramp Chairman:</u>	
Ian Nadiger	250-656-5147

### **SMOKED SALMON BUFFET**

The membership was then invited by the President to enjoy the smoked salmon buffet. Door prize draws took place while the membership was enjoying their food! A magnificent spread of smoked salmon and other yummy dishes was enjoyed by all.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Jim Halston**

Our President, Jim Halston, gave his famous year-end speech, thanking all of the members for their participation in meetings, events and gave special thanks to those members who volunteered for the ramp and participated in various conservation and other volunteer activities in the past year.

He advised everyone that he enjoyed their camaraderie and also enjoyed participating as a member of Executive, volunteering and attending all of our special events. He summarized why he felt proud to be a part of our Association. In addition, Jim gave special thanks on behalf of the membership to members of Executive, Doug Ellison, Colin Franks for the Tide Book, Stan Stubbs for managing the bar, and to Barry Freeman for organizing the tables (including cups, plates, etc) and smoked salmon donations. A very special thank you was also given to Bob Haney from Home

Hardware for all of the service and support that he and his staff continue provide to the Association as well as to West Marine.

Finally, he thanked the membership for their support and for attending the Annual General Meeting. He finished by wishing everyone the very best for the Christmas Season and a Happy New Year on behalf of Executive.

Gerry Fisher gave a special thank you on behalf of the membership to Jim Halston, President, for his excellent service as President. This was met with a round of applause and wholehearted agreement from the membership.

Mike and Norma Sealey presented the Secretary of the SAA, Shirley Johnson, with a small gift of appreciation on behalf of the membership. This was gratefully accepted by Shirley Johnson to a round of applause.

Mike advised the membership that he and his wife had purchased a gift when they were travelling. When his wife saw this item, she said "I know exactly who to give this to!". Mike then asked Shirley to open the gift in front of the membership and read what was inside. It was a chocolate fish (a Bass) and written on the box were the words "Merry Fishmass".

Shirley thanked the membership, Mike and Norma and then read the poem on the back of the box to the membership. It was a delightful poem which was written similar to the poem "T'was the Night before Christmas". It was rewritten to include all kinds of references to fish and fishing. At the end of the poem everyone was wished a "Merry Fishmass"!

**NEXT MEETING:** January 24, 2010

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT** was made at 9:00 p.m. by Gerry Fisher and seconded and Claude Theriault.