

# Hook, Line & Sinkers

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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, 27 October 2008

**Where:** Mary Winspear Centre

## **MINUTES OF THE ANGLERS' GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 08**

### **Members and Guests Present – 36**

#### **President Jim Halston called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm**

It was moved by Bert Vanderveen and seconded by Grant MacPherson that the minutes of the last meeting (June 23, 2008) be accepted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. We have obtained a copy of the Town of Sidney's plans for the expansion of Iroquois Park. The plan is to revamp the park and make it more user friendly, this will have impact on overflow parking. Jim advised that we will discuss this issue further in the Town report.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Guest - Alex Berbenly (not sure of the spelling of his last name)

Guest - Bruce Wood

New Member - Ken Pleasance

Guest - Frank Kindree (Cliff's brother)

Guest Speaker – Bryan Manning

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Assets	\$19,439.88	Tide Receipts	\$ 6,290.00
Current YTD Earnings	\$ 6,600.00	Ramp Receipts	\$ 257.48
Membership Dues	\$ 1,630.00	Ramp Expenses	\$ 204.41

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ramp Report** - Neither Claude nor Richard were in attendance.

Jim Halston mentioned that the summer went smoothly thanks to the volunteers. It was mentioned that people often need to have their vehicles jumped and Barry Freeman suggested that it might be useful for people on ramp duty to bring jumper cables. Jim Halston explained that there are already a number of things that the volunteers have to bring with them and we don’t want to add to the list. If members on ramp duty have them fine, otherwise people will have to deal with it themselves.

There was some discussion surrounding emergency contacts for the ramp members and it was stated that Ian Nadiger is the emergency contact. Another member indicated that a second point of contact for emergencies would be good if Ian was not available. It was decided that this should not be necessary.

**Town of Sidney Report** – Brian Dunic spoke to the issue of the Town of Sidney’s plans for expansion of Iroquois Park. He advised that there is a proposal on the table and that you are welcome to go down to City Hall and review the plans and make your comments but DO NOT represent yourself as a Sidney Anglers’ Association member. If you wish to comment or voice your opinion you are welcome to do so but as a private citizen.

Brian stated that the plans are as good as we are going to get. Brian mentioned that if we lose parking spots the burdon will fall on the neighbourhood and the town will have to deal with that.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. **Nomination of Life Members.**

Jim Halston mentioned that if members have any nominations, they are to put them in writing (giving reasons for the nomination – i.e., what contributions the nominee has made to the club) no later than our October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Either send an email to Executive or bring it to one of us.

There was some discussion about who has been honoured in the past and some suggestions that honoured members should receive a jacket or something like this rather than a membership. Jim acknowledged the idea, however, he did point out that they do receive a plaque as well. Several members spoke up to say that they would rather be honoured with the lifetime membership and a plaque than a jacket or something else.

### 2. **The scheduling of the derbies for next year.** Jan vs. Feb.? We suggest January. We have discussed this issue before at the Anglers' meeting. Jim summarized the discussions previously and mentioned that afterwards Al Larkey advised that our chances are far better for good weather in January based on historical data. Jim advised members that we will be sticking with five derbies per year but that we needed to have a vote on whether we are going to have a derby in January or February. Alex Onischuck motioned that we have a derby on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. The vote of the membership was overwhelmingly in favour of this. Motion passed.

### 3. **Boundaries for the Derbies & Tide Book.** We think that we should include in our boundaries down to Cadboro Point. We would like to put this to the membership for a vote and we will do this at our October meeting.

**Including members boat names, etc...** Colin Franks (our member who puts a lot of hard work into putting together the tide book for us every year) spoke to the members. He advised members that, while the previous decision to include members' names and boat names, etc., in the tide book has already been made, he wanted to make the members aware of some concerns some of which are financial surrounding this initiative as follows:

- 1) If we assume that approximately 200 of the 5000 books printed go into the hands of anglers, the vast majority (something like 95%) of the tide books go into the hands of non-members and non-fishermen, so why would we dedicate and consume two valuable pages to this idea?

- 2) If we are *not* going to be deleting two pages of the existing book for this, we must add two pages, and due the way in which it is printed & bound, this actually means *eight* single pages, and will require us to fill *six* single pages with new material. This will also add significantly to the printing cost.
- 3) I maintain that it is not a good idea to "advertise" who has a boat sitting at home. Theft is becoming more of a problem all the time and not only for gear, but fuel theft also. (Note: Someone spoke up to say that two of our members have already had the gas siphoned out of their boats at their homes!).
- 4) I feel that the idea of a members list *is* a good one, and a separate, laminated list is *by far* a superior way of providing one.

Dave Kerr made a motion to reverse the previous decision and to keep the members and boat names out of the tide book and instead print and laminate a separate sheet with that information for distribution to the members who wish to participate. Dallas Stober seconded the motion. An overwhelming amount of members voted in favour. The motion was passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Halibut DFO regulations regarding 1kg Weights** – Jim Halston mentioned that he had been talking with a few anglers about this issue of using 1kg weight while fishing for halibut and the fact that it isn't adequate. His reasons for this were safety and environmental. He stated that he could fish off his downrigger with a release clip, but that would increase his chances of hanging up on the bottom, which is a safety concern. He said he could also do this and subsequently hook up on bottom and break off, thus the amount of lead and stainless steel left in the water would become an environmental and safety problem, more so than a 2 kg ball and a few feet of braided Dacron or Spectra line. He went on to mention that he spoke with a fisheries officer and he suggested that going through the SFAB would be the most efficient method of getting his concerns heard. He said that when he contacted Chris Bos, Chris recommended that the issue would hold more weight if a club such as the Anglers' endorsed it. There was a lengthy discussion amongst members and several suggested alternatives were mentioned to resolve Jim's concerns, however, the Anglers' Association decided that this issue should not be brought forward to the SFAB at this time.

2. **Donation to the Coast Guard Auxiliary** – Jim stated that we had received a letter from the Coast Guard Auxiliary looking for donations. In recognition of the work that they do for all of us and the excellent presentation we had at one of our previous meetings, he wanted to find out if the members were supportive of providing them with a donation and if so, how much? Russ Flower moved that we provide the Coast Guard Auxiliary with a \$500 donation. Heinz Urzinger seconded the motion. The membership voted overwhelmingly in favour of the motion.
  
3. Ian Bruce, Peninsula Streams Society, addressed the membership and provided a number of updates some of which are as follows:
  - A Special General Meeting of the Peninsula Streams Society (which Dave Stephen and Grant MacPherson attended on behalf of the Sidney Anglers’) was called to discuss an important issue. Peninsula Streams Society is made up of approximately 12 member groups. They had applied for funding from the Lottery Corporation and the response from the Corporation was that, in order to be eligible for any funding from them, the Society needed open up their membership to have approximately 3 individual memberships to each board member. Dave Stephen and Grant MacPherson and a few others purchased individual memberships at \$5 each and Ian invited other Anglers’ to also join the membership and to approach him later to do so.
  - There will be a Reay Creek work party coming up in the next couple of months and he will send out a notice about this.
  - He discussed the prepaid thrifty foods cards and I believe that they are continuing with this initiative.
  - He mentioned that they had their first verified report of spawners.
  - He discussed issues surrounding the airport authority and the fact that the contamination previously mentioned had been cleaned up. There is a clean up occurring on another creek as well.
  
4. **Dave Stephen attended a meeting of the ACS** recently and he provided an update to the membership as follows:
  - Dave provided copies of the June and September ACS meetings and info on the Sport Head Recovery Program. In the future, these minutes will be put in a circulation file for any members to review at meetings.

- The June meeting was highlighted by the introduction of Kent Spencer, the new South Coast Recreational Coordinator for DFO. Chuck Parken, who heads up the Sport Head Recovery Program, gave a talk on the data coming out of the program. He would make himself available to address program issues with Sidney Anglers, if there is sufficient member interest.
  - There will be a meeting between the Tsawout Band, DFO reps, MOE reps and Chris Bos, either the last week of September or first week of October to discuss the placement of a Pink Net Pen in the Sidney area. The ACS has proven to be a great way to keep the Pink Net Pen proposal alive and keep local issues moving forward.
  - Any Sidney Anglers who would like to attend ACS meetings are welcome. Meetings are held at Esquimalt Anglers Club House, the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.
5. **Will Keay was to provide a report to the membership regarding Burgees,** however he graciously offered to present this in October so that we could proceed more quickly to our Guest Speaker's presentation. Thanks Will – we look forward to your presentation at the October meeting.
6. Jim asked the membership if there was any interest in having a workshop for us to obtain our Boating Operators cards at a future meeting. Someone noted that we have a couple of members in our club that are certified for this such as Doug Ellison with another contractor. We will circulate a notice to see if others are interested in this.

### **FISHING REPORTS OR STORIES**

Barry Freeman reported that he caught a 12lb Halibut Saturday, an extra mile or two past Darcy Island. Other than that there were no other fishing reports or stories.

### **MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE DRAW**

Art Tomset's name was drawn for the \$50.00 attendance draw.

**NOTE: Cliff Kindree mentioned to the members that Islander Reels had graciously donated another reel and we will be selling tickets for the draw. Money will go to Salmon Enhancement.**

**ROUND-UP DERBY:**

Lots of members participated and showed up for the weigh-in but only a few fish were caught. Steve Coté caught two salmon but as we are only eligible to win one prize each his smaller salmon was not registered.

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Steve Coté – 19.11 lb Salmon – Pender Bluffs  
111 ft down in 22 ft of water at 1:30 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Brian's father Rubino Dunic – 7.3 lb Salmon – Sidney Channel

Junior Prize – Mitch Halston – a 1.1lb cod

Attendance Draw – was not drawn as we did not have the tickets, so we will draw for two attendance prizes at the next Derby.

**LADDER BOARD**

There was a draw for three previous months at this meeting. There were quite a number of fish caught in total, mostly in July and the results of the draw are as follows:

June – Steve Roberts, 14.6 lb salmon caught at Moresby

July – Russ Flower, 17.5 lb salmon caught at Fairfax

August – Colin Franks, 22.5 lb salmon caught at Pender Island

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, October 27, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Our guest speaker at this meeting was Bryan Manning, President, Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society. Bryan spoke to us about the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society, their membership and activities and the volunteers required for the Nitnat and Sooke hatchery collection coming up. He also gave members a PowerPoint presentation which provided additional information regarding the process that is carried out for artificial propagation of Chinook salmon.

**Motion for Adjournment** was made at 9:10 pm.

**ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES**

**Please be advised that the Sidney Anglers' Fishing Boundaries will be discussed at the next Anglers' meeting on 27 October 2008. Members should be aware that we will be voting on changes to those boundaries.**