

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 October 2010

Where: Mary Winspear Centre

MINUTES OF THE ANGLERS' GENERAL MEETING HELD 27 September 2010

Members and Guests Present – 43

President Jim Halston called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm It was moved by Ken Clements and seconded by Grant MacPherson that the minutes of the last meeting (June 28, 2010) be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Jim Halston received an email from the Tourist Information Centre requesting Tide Books next year to hand out to their patrons - this will be discussed at Executive.
2. We received a thank you letter and certificate from Knuma for our donation to them.

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Don Norbury
Michael Lynas

Grant and Violet McQuarry

TREASURERS REPORT: Dallas Stober

Assets	\$ 12,800.	Ramp Receipts	\$ 5,400.
Current YTD Earnings	\$ 14,025.	Merchandise (Caps, Burgees, etc.)	\$ 680.
Membership Dues	\$ 2,100.	Tide Receipts	\$ 3,200.

The membership was advised that we are getting low on hats. There are lots of burgees left and their are limited sizes of T- shirts still available at a great price (1-3XL, 25 large and 2 medium). Members suggested a modification to the T - shirts for the next time to have a small crest on the chest and a large one on the back of the T - shirt instead of the large crest on the chest. We will look at this when we seek to purchase more shirts in the future.

A motion was made by Cliff Kindree and seconded by Dave Stephen to accept the report. The membership were all in favour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ramp Report - Richard Lake and Claude Theriault.

No report. Jim Halston advised the membership that both Richard and Claude would be retiring from this role next year so we will be seeking new volunteers to take over the ramp duty. Larry Dalziel addressed the membership, saying that he wanted to thank Richard and Claude for all of their hard work with the ramp. The membership responded with a round of applause.

Town of Sidney Report – Brian Dunic and Dallas Stober

Brian advised that they met in September and that the town had spent a large amount of money to update the docks and they are looking great. He advised that, unfortunately, there was nothing the town could do to make the whale watching boat that damaged one of our docks financially responsible for fixing it. Brian also advised that the old Anacortes ferry ramparts are being taken out so that will make more room.

Bar Report – Stan Stubbs

Beer	56 cans	Coolers	7
Pop	29 cans	Cash	24.40
Wine	12 ltrs.		

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Proposal for discussion: For the Sidney Anglers' Association to host and run a Fishing Derby in the New Year.** Dave Stephen provided some background and presented the discussion for consideration as follows:

He provided some background to the membership regarding the purpose of the Port of Sidney Derby, where our conservation money came from as a result etc... He also mentioned that we need the dollars generated from a Derby as we may some day need to tag our salmon that we release in our net pen, to continue to provide donations for conservation efforts and perhaps some day we may even need to buy our own boat launch/ramp. He went on to state that the Sidney Derby was not held last year because the Port of Sidney Marina was for sale and the marina did not want any pending commitments during this process. This brought a lot of interest from our membership and as a result, a committee was formed to do a feasibility study to determine whether or not it would be possible for the Sidney Anglers' Association to consider hosting and running a Derby. The Committee was comprised of him, Don McIvor, Ken Clements and Jim Halston. In doing the study, they looked at existing and other Derbies. A lot of them were too expensive and contestants had to take 2 or 3 days off work. The committee decided that in order to present this to the membership for consideration and a vote for them to proceed more seriously, they should come up with a basic framework of what a Derby might look like, should we host/run one.

The committee determined that they did not want a continuation of the Port of Sidney Derby. This would be a Sidney Anglers' Association Derby (or whatever name we choose to give it). The Committee determined that the Derby should be more fisherman/woman friendly and lot less expensive. He presented to the membership what the Derby might look like and provided the following information which is by no means expected to be an exhaustive or firm list of how the Derby would be run. A more concrete plan will be presented to the membership for a final vote at the AGM should the members give the Committee the "go ahead" at this meeting:

- One day Derby - on a Friday/Saturday so contestants wouldn't have to take too much time off of work.
- \$100. per rod vs. a few hundred dollars per vessel - no limit on boats. After February 14th the price would go up to \$125.
- Setting our sites on minimum of approximately 200 rods (we could still have more) but a maximum of 300.
- Friday night would be a meet and greet, raffle and 50/50 draw, bar sales and food (probably burgers & hot dogs - something simple - likely catered) and then a review of the rules and regulations.

- Saturday contestants would fish hard and the awards dinner would be Saturday evening and would be \$20. per person and be catered perhaps at the same location as the Port of Sidney (this is to be determined). We would arrange for transportation.
- We would approach local marinas for moorage opportunities for 1 or 2 nights for those that needed it and would like to have temporary moorage and also would allow for boats to be tailored and launched on the morning of the Derby at the ramp. Some people already have moorage in local marinas so they would be okay.
- We would seek sponsorship from businesses for prize money, etc... at a minimum target of \$10,000.
- We would only handle and examine the heaviest fish weighed in for violations.
- Tentative prizes for first (\$5,000.), second (\$3,000.) and third (\$2,000.).
- Approximate cost for rentals of tent, tables, chairs, outhouses, etc. would be \$2,500.
- The Town of Sidney has already given their approval for us to use Tulista Park and we would rent a tent and operate from there as the home base.
- We would need less volunteers as the Derby would not be as extensive as the previous Port of Sidney Derby and in addition would be well organized. Some members have already committed to not fishing the Derby but working it instead to ensure its success.
- Finally a date for the Derby which was determined appropriate for tides is April 30, 2010.

It was brought to the membership's attention that a few of the Committee members would likely be resigning from the Derby Committee at this point and we needed some more to take over. Three new members volunteered to be part of the Committee.

Cliff Kindree made a motion to propose that the SAA host/run a fishing Derby on April 30, 2011, subject to further review with a final decision by Committee and Membership at the AGM on November 22, 2010. Brian Kemper seconded the motion and it was put to a vote. The membership overwhelmingly approved by a show of hands and the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **A Notice of Motion** was presented for a donation of \$1,000. to the Sidney Lions which will be put to vote at our October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

2. Grant MacPherson addressed the membership stating that our annual membership fees are too low - they are the lowest of any club. Mr. MacPherson then made a motion to increase our Sidney Anglers' Membership Fees by \$5 from \$15 - \$20 for a single and family membership to \$20 and \$25 next year. The motion was seconded by Richard Lake.

One of the members brought up that in most clubs, increases to the annual fees must be done at the Annual General Meeting, therefore we should not let this motion pass. There was some discussion amongst the members.

John Tapio made a motion that this issue be tabled until the next meeting at which time we will be able to advise whether or not it would be in violation of the Constitution. Brian Dunic seconded the motion. There was some discussion and this motion was put to a vote. The membership voted not to table this issue and to vote on the original motion contingent on it not violating the Constitution.

The original motion was restated by Grant MacPherson to increase our Sidney Anglers' Membership Fees by \$5 from \$15 - \$20 for a single and family membership to \$20 and \$25 next year contingent upon it not being in violation of the Constitution. The motion was seconded by Richard Lake. The motion passed by a vote of the membership. This motion will be reviewed and confirmed at the next meeting, once Executive has had a chance to carefully review the Constitution and confirm whether or not the motion is in contravention of it.

FISHING REPORTS OR STORIES

- Barry and Bruno lost a 60 lb Halibut.
- It was reported through West Marine that one of our new members, Chad Page, recently caught a 37 and a 193.7 lb Halibut at zero rock on Mackerel. Chad was not in attendance at the meeting or we would have advised him that we do not have a ladder board for Halibut as he must have thought when he reported the catch through West Marine. Regardless - congrats Chad!
- Doug Ellison had information returned to him from sending in heads of his fish showing that they came from the Cowichan - members can ask him for more details.
- Clive Lane brought in photos from volunteer efforts at Nitnat.

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE DRAW

Jim Moreshead's name was drawn at the last meeting but he was not in attendance so the draw was for \$75. Cliff Kindree's name was drawn for the \$75. - congratulations Cliff. The draw at our next meeting will be for \$25.

ROUND-UP DERBY- AUGUST 30, 2010 - Dave Stephen, Derby Chair presented results

Salmon: None Caught

Sockeye: Ten Fish Caught - all at Pender Bluffs and all on Hootchies

Prize	Angler	Weight
1st Prize	Connor Larkie - Junior	7lb 6oz
2nd Prize	Norm Paquette	7lb 2oz
3rd Prize	Don McIvor	6lb 9oz
4th Prize	Dave Kerr	6lb 7oz
5th Prize	Brian Vanderkracht	6lb 6oz
Junior Prize	Bryanny Larkie - Junior	6lb 5oz
Other Catches:	Ken Clements	6lb 3oz
	Al Larkie	6lb 3oz
	Norm Paquette	6lb
	Kevin Page	5lb 13oz

Halibut:

None Caught

NEXT DERBY

Otto Wiggins Derby in January.

LADDER BOARD: Bert van der Veen:

JUNE:

- Cliff Kindree 32.6, 13 and 5.15 lb chinook Fairfax and Coal
- Steve Dvorsky 15.4 lb at Coal
- Richard Lake 12.4 and 10.3 lb chinook at Fairfax
- Steve Cote 10.15 lb chinook at Hambly
- Connor Larkey - Junior - 11.11lb chinook at Coal
- Norm Paquette 10.7 lb chinook at Sidney Channel
- Chris Macris 9.11 lb chinook at Coal

Winner of Draw for Sept is: Steve Cote

JULY:

- Colin Menzies 22.2 lb, 13.5 lb, 10.2 lb and 7 lb chinook (Pat Bay and Sattelite Channel)
- Steve Dvorsky 13.8 lb and 12 lb chinook at Fairfax
- Brian Vanderkracht 11.8 lbs at Sattelite Channel

Winner of Draw for May is: Steve Dvorsky

AUGUST:

- Grant MacPherson 21 lb chinook - Pender Bluffs
- Drew Boyd 19.5 and 18lb chinook - Pender Bluffs
- Doug Ellison 15 lb chinook at Hambly
- Connor Larkey 7.6 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Norm Paquette 7.2 lb and 6 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Don McIvor 6.9 lb and 6.7 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Dave Kerr two 6.7 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Brian Vanderkracht two 6.6 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Bryanny Larkey 6.5 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Ken Clements 6.3 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Ken Demur 6.3 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Al Larkey 6.3 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs
- Kevin Page 5.13 lb Sockeye at Pender Bluffs

Winner of Draw for May is: Drew Boyd

GUEST SPEAKER: No guest speaker tonight. If time permitted we would have had storytelling and sharing of information by members, however, time did not allow for this.

UPCOMING SPEAKER: No speaker determined yet for the next meeting.

MEETING DATE: Monday, October 25, 2010

A Motion for adjournment was made by Bruce Regensburg and seconded by Clive Lane. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.