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DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Welcome: President Tom Bearss welcomed everybody and introduced the members of executive and other notable members present. He thanked Chris McVittie for taking minutes for this meeting. Tom then promoted our regular 50/50 draw overseen by Jennifer Melville-Roberts who stood in for Mike Betts.

Minutes: Joyce Manary moved approval of the circulated, draft minutes of our April 2019 meeting prepared by Elizabeth Perrin. Marilyn King seconded the motion, which was carried. These minutes are posted on our Members Only website.

Mail: Treasurer Jim Kneesch that there has been no mail for last two months.

Treasurer's Report: Tom tabled the interim April 30th, 2019 financial report prepared by Jim Kneesch. There was little change from the previous month. Bank balance was \$7094

Acknowledgements:

- 1 Tom reported that **Audrey** was able to produce her very informative **newsletter** in spite of still being in rough shape following her injury . We thank her and wish her well.
- 2 Tom thanked **Geof** for yet another, highly artistic **poster** advertising our speaker and her presentation.
- 3 Finally, Tom turned to our **social convener**, Joanne, who thanked everyone who brought treats for our enjoyment tonight (Valerie W. Valerie F. Annie K. Elizabeth P and Anita D.)
- 4 **Joanne** reminded members of our annual **Garden Party**. Details:
 - **June 22nd 5pm-8pm** at Carol and Paul Rennie's home in Richmond.
 - 3731 Ullsmore Avenue Richmond.
 - Sign up sheets at June meeting and DNCB outings.
 - If unable to sign up contact Jennifer Melville-Roberts at pamjen@eastlink.ca or 604-948-1542 with your planned potluck item.

Environment Issues: Anne Murray presented the following report:

1. **Birds and Biodiversity Committee** Members **Terry C, Nicki B and Anne M** met with Delta Environment Department staff Mike Brotherston and Erin Clements to discuss issues of mutual concern to work on and issues to bring to Council's attention. Action items: Meet with Delta Parks and Recreation Department and book a time slot to present to Delta Council (potentially 2-4 months ahead)
2. China talk to **White Rock and Surrey Naturalists this Thursday, May 9th.**
3. Presenting to the **Port hearings on May 17th** sometime after 1 pm in the afternoon.

BCN and Speakers:

- 1 BC Nature AGM at Duncan

Attended by **Tom B, Anita D Rochelle F and Anne M.** Field trips were awesome, with wild flowers in full bloom and some good spring migrant birds. There were some interesting talks to attend. The Cowichan First Nation were nicely involved through the event and local politicians all turned up for the opening event.

- Anita and Anne attended the Conservation Committee meeting and discussed ideas for being more effective.
- Anne attended the Education Committee meeting mainly as an observer
- Anne attended a meeting about the Important Bird Area Sitka grant project in coordination with Nature Canada, which is intended to help conservation in the Fraser Estuary. Decisions on action items were deferred to a later meeting following clarification of objectives.
- Anne attended the Important Bird Areas Caretaker lunch meeting to meet Caretakers from other areas of the province (about 8 present)
- Anne and Anita attended a workshop Sunday morning for engagement organizing which had some helpful ideas for making our club more effective. They may be helpful at strategic planning time.

- 2 **June 4th Speaker** is Professor David Bird presenting on: "Watching Birds Naked"

Five DNCB outings since April meeting

- 1) Pt. Roberts, 2) Brydon Lagoon & Hi-Knoll Park in Surrey, 3) Queen Elizabeth Park, Vancouver, 4) Whidbey Island, USA, and 5) UBC Botanical Gardens.

Note: Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, effective April 1.

Tomorrow is Tsa Ferry Terminal, then Reifel. Check DNCB Blog at: www.dncb.wordpress.com for more info, reports and photos.

Other Activity Reports since April 2 meeting:

- 1) Thur. Apr. 4, Install Kestrel Box at Tsa Springs GC, 9:30 am.
- 2) Fri. Apr 5, BBPA Meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 am.
- 3) Sat. Apr. 6, Birds in Focus Visual Presentations, Tsa Arts Centre, 6.30-10.00 pm
- 4) Thurs. April 11, Nats Bird Strategy Team meeting, Nikki's home, 9:00 am.
- 5) Fri. April 12, Car Boot Sale meeting with Metro Vancouver, CH, 10:00 am.
- 6) Sun. Apr. 14, Birds in Focus Photography Workshop, CH, 9:00-1:00 pm
- 7) Sun. Apr 14, Delta Fish Release, Watershed Park, North Delta, 11:30-2:00 pm
- 8) Tues. Apr. 23, DNS Executive meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 9) May 2-5, BC Nature AGM, Duncan, BC, Anita, Anne, Rochelle, Tom attending.
- 10) Fri. May 3, BBPA Meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 am

5 Future Meetings/Events:

- 1) Sat. May 11, Heritage Fair, Harris Barn, 11:00 am-1:30 pm.
- 2) Sat. May 11, BBPA Bird Walk, BBRP, 10:00 am-Noon.
- 3) Mon. May 13, DNCB Ferry outing to Victoria, 7:00 am Ferry.
- 4) Tues. May 21, DNS Executive meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 5) Sat. June 1, Metro Vancouver Parksfest, Anvil Centre, New Westminster.
- 6) Sat. June 8, First of 7 Car Boot Sales, Centennial Beach, 8:00 am-Noon.
- 7) Tues. June 11, DNS Program Review meeting, Syd's Hampton Cove, 7:30-9:30 pm.
- 8) Sat. June 22, DNS Garden Party, Paul & Carol's home, Richmond.

6 Display Events 2019 (Coordinator Terry Carr)

1. Sat. May 11 Delta/Surrey Regional Heritage Fair, Harris Barn, 11:00-1:30 pm.
2. Sun Jun 16 Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast 9-12 Centennial Beach
3. Sun Aug 18 Animal Expo 10-3 Memorial Park, Ladner
4. Sun Aug 18 Richmond Raptor & Garlic Fest 10-3 Terra Nova Park
5. Sat Aug 24 Metro Vancouver Parks Bird Event, Iona RP
6. Sat Sept 7 Day at the Farm 10-4 Westham Island Herb Farm
7. Fall 2019 (Oct 19?) Starry Night-like event, Deas Island RP, details coming.

Other Reports/Issues

Bird Box Team report, Chris M reported that the team had made 71 Barn owl Boxes, 4 Kestrel Boxes and 35-60 Tree swallow boxes in the last 2 1/2 years

Ursula's Contribution to BC Naturalists Foundation Tom reported that Ursula's estate had contributed \$85k to British Columbia Nature

50/50 draw was \$13 and won by Boudi Van Oldenborgh.

Krista De Groot presented on Bird Collisions with Glass – Causes and Solutions. Krista provided us with an interesting, fact filled presentation off the issue of bird kills with glass which is the number 2 cause of bird fatalities in North America.

Next meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 pm, with Professor David Bird presenting on: Watching Birds Naked.