



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, January 13, 2014, 7:30 p.m., Cammidge House, 7:30 p.m.

President, Tom Bearss **welcomed** executive/directors, members and guests to the first 2014 Monthly Meeting. He **Introduced Executive:** Jim Ronback, Hans-Ulf Schellhase. Annie Kaps, Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Susan Burns, Ursula Easterbrook.

Susan Burns, Newsletter Editor, requested correction in the December 9, 2013 minutes: deletion of "She is looking for articles to publish". Jim Ronback moved for **approval of amended minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting**; seconded by Elizabeth Perrin; passed.

As there was no **executive meeting in December**, there were no minutes to be tabled.

Hans-Ulf Schellhase and Jennifer Melville-Roberts reported that no **Mail** was received.

Jennifer Melville-Roberts advised that there is \$4,108.44 in the **bank** and that some members' Annual **memberships** are over-due.

**Newsletter:** Editor, Susan Burns noted misdating in the Newsletters. These should be as follows: December 2013 to December 1, 2013; and, January 2014 to January 1, 2014.

**Publicity:** Valerie Fuller (in hand). She advised that the notices have been appearing in the local papers. Geof Hacker's Poster of to-night's speaker, Anthony Dalton, was shown to the full house.

**Social Convenors,** Lorraine Mnwenifumbo and Marilyn King, were introduced and acknowledged for their arrangements. To-night's "goodie" providers Elizabeth Perrin, Greg Edwards and Susan Burns were thanked..

### **Environment:**

Jim Ronback reported:

1) **NO TOWERS** advocates in Point Roberts and Tsawwassen are legally challenging the owner of Station KRPI on the proposed move of 50,000 watt radio transmitting towers from Ferndale, Washington, to Point Roberts, Washington, just 300 meters from the border.

The Cross Border Coalition submitted an Informal Objection to the Federal Communications

Commission (FCC).

As well, the Point Roberts Taxpayers Association submitted a formal Petition to Deny the renewal of KPRI's FCC license which expires on February 1, 2014.

In the meantime, KPRI's application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) has been delayed by the Whatcom County planners, pending a reply for more information from the owners, BBC Broadcasting Inc. (not BBC UK). There will be a meeting in Point Roberts on January 21, 2014.

2) **VAPOR**, who are objecting to huge Panamax jet fuel tankers coming up the Fraser River to unload their toxic and highly flammable fuel onto an 80,000,000 litre tank farm, are preparing for a legal challenge against the flawed assessment process used by the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office and Port Metro Vancouver. There will be a **fundraising dinner on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Steveston Seafood House.**

Marilynn King advised

1) nothing new to report re **Cosmetic Pesticides.**

2) **Farmland Protection** options have been renewed for another year. There is a scheduled **rally at the B.C. Legislature On February 10, 2014, 12:00**

Anne Murray passed on

request from Karen Barry of **Bird Studies Canada** for volunteers for the **Beached Bird Survey**, specifically for the Boundary Bay Beach between the international border and the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue lagoon. Surveyors commit to one survey per month, looking for dead birds washed ashore. Training is given on identification and protocols. Other Beached bird Survey routes are also available. Thanks to those who, at the meeting, expressed interest. Follow-up shall ensue. For more information contact Anne Murray at 604-943-4460 or sanderling@uniserve.com

**Archives:** Geof Hacker and his committee of Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Joyce Manary and Hans-Ulf Schellhase have begun addressing our archival needs, commitments and storage.

Ursula Easterbrook has produced a slate of 2014 **Monthly Meeting Speakers**, forwarding a copy to executive members.

**BC Nature AGM "Coastal Connections"**, co-hosted by the Rocky Point bird Observatory and the Victoria Natural History Society, is in Victoria, B.C., Thursday, May 1 to Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Delta Nats expressing interest in attending were: Tom Bearss, Anne Murray, Annie Kaps, Joyce Manary and Boudi Van Oldenborgh.

Seven **DNCB Outings** since December 9 meeting:

- Dec. 11 quarterly Birds on the Bay outing in BBRP;
- Dec. 10 outing to Blaine with WRS Naturalists;
- Dec. 16 on the Dike at 64<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Streets;
- Dec. 23 to Reifel Bird Sanctuary;
- Dec. 30 to Blackie Spit and White Rock pier;
- Jan. 6 to Blaine/Semiahmoo in Washington;
- Jan. 13 to Iona RP (this morning).

Check for future destinations and see Reports and Photos on all the DNCB outings on our Blog at:  
[www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com).

#### **Other Meetings/Events:**

- 1) Fri. Dec. 13 BBPA Meeting at Cammidge House.
- 2) Tues. Dec. 17 Barn Owl Box installation in BBRP.
- 3) Sun. Dec. 22 Ladner Christmas Bird Count.
- 4) Sun. Dec. 29 White Rock Surrey CBC.
- 5) Fri. Jan. 10 BBPA Meeting at Cammidge House.

#### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- 1) Mon. Jan. 27 Delta Nats Executive Meeting (Jennifer's).
- 2) Fri. Feb. 7 BBPA Meeting at Cammidge House.
- 3) Mon. Feb. 10 Nats Monthly Meeting at Cammidge House.
- 4) Sun. Feb. 23 Heritage Day at Cammidge House, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- 5) Mon. Feb. 24 Nats Executive Meeting.
- 6) Mon. Mar. 10 Nats Monthly Meeting at Cammidge House.
- 7) Wed. Mar. 12 quarterly Birds on the Bay outing at BBRP.
- 8) Fri. Mar. 14 Birds in Focus Presentation at TAC.
- 9) Sun. Mar. 23 Birds in Focus Workshop at Cammidge House.
- 10) Sat. June 14 First 2014 Car Boot Sale at Centennial Beach.
- 11) Sun. June 15 Fathers' Day Pancakes in the Park at Centennial Beach.

#### **Other Business or Comments:**

There is a sale of shirts, water bottles and mugs (bags free) left over from our hosting the BC Nature Meeting .

**Sightings:** Valerie Fuller reported many (maximum number of 25; 17 on Bird Count day) wood ducks in her backyard relishing apples.

**50/50** draw.

Tom Bearss introduced **Anthony Dalton**, celebrated author, and his presentation on **Bengal Tigers in Bangladesh**. Mr. Dalton offered for sale autographed copies of his book "Relentless Pursuit".

Recorded by:  
Annie Kaps, Secretary