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DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY (DNS)

Minutes of June 5, 2018 Meeting

Welcome: Tom welcomed DNS members and guests. He proceeded to identify DNS Executive: Elizabeth, Vice-President ; Anita – our representative to BC Nature and recruiter of our speakers; Jim Treasurer and Membership; Chris, taking minutes for the night; Syd – absent Director-at-Large.

Tom talked about **Ursula's Photo Portfolio**.

"Ursula Easterbrook was a long-standing member of Delta Naturalists, and contributed to the society in many ways over the years. Here is an opportunity to honour her commitment to British Columbia nature with a donation that will be aggregated and donated in her name to the British Columbia Naturalists Foundation. Some members of the executive and others have offered to match contributions to a maximum limit to help build a substantial donation in her name. Each donor will be given a choice of Ursula's prints that were recently donated to the DNS. They are 11x14 inches and are suitable for a 16x20 mat. The prints will be offered on a "first donation, first selection basis" and will be distributed after the Garden Party. All prints will be shared equally amongst the donors regardless of donation size. Donations \$25 and over will have a DNS Tax receipt."

Minutes: The minutes of the DNS May 1st, 2018 meeting were approved. Moved by David Hoar, seconded by Paul Rennie. All attendees in favour.

Mail: No mail was received last month.

Treasurer& Membership: Delta Nats now enjoys a membership of 116 [an increase of 2 over May]. The end of May bank balance was \$6,031.

Social: Goodie providers were thanked, Carol Rennie, Anne Murray and Joanne Williamson. Jennifer reminded members that our annual garden party will be held on Thursday, June 28. Sign-up sheets were available at the meeting.

BCN:

Anita reported that Tom, Anne and she attended the BC Nature AGM at UBC. Anita's report is in the June Newsletter.

Environmental Issues:

Anita reported on BC Nature's concerns with the KinderMorgan Pipeline.

Also mentioned was the Conservation Committee that both she and Anne are members of. The Conservation Committee will ask BC Nature members if they wish to be included on a mailing list to inform them of conservation issues being considered by the Conservation Committee. This mailing would likely be done four times annually. If any members on the list have expertise in the issues enumerated, they will be welcome to contribute their expertise.

Speakers: Anita advised that September's speaker[s] will be someone from Paul R. Chris McV and Jim K. The subject is The Galapagos and Peruvian Amazon. A trip that all three took this Winter or Spring.

Activity since May 1 Meeting: There were five birding outings, details of which are on the DNS website. June 6th outing is to Colony Farm. Other activities involving DNS included:

1. Fri. May 4 – BBPA meeting. CH 10:00 a.m. to noon
2. Sat. May 12 – World Migratory Bird Day, Cammidge House, 12:30 to 2:30.
3. Fri. May 25 - BIA Photo Shoot
4. Fri. June 1, Landfill Open House, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
5. Sat. June 2, Landfill Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The **Landfill Open house** was very well attended on both days. Terry, Roger and Mike set up the booth on Saturday, took it down on Saturday as well as handling the first shift on Friday. A pile of work and much appreciated. Other people who helped out at the booth during Friday and Saturday were: Marylile, Joyce, Boudi, Chris, Jim, Lorna, Pat, Maureen, Nicki, Bruce, Roger K., Elizabeth, Anita, Val F and Val W.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

1. Sat. June 9, First Car Boot Sale, Centennial Beach, 8:00-Noon.
2. Wed. June 13, Birds on the Bay Outing, Cammidge House, 9:00 am.
3. Sun. June 17, Father's Day (Pancakes in the Park), Centennial Beach, 9:00 am-Noon.
4. Wed. June 20, DNCB outing Pitt Lake
5. Wed. June 27, DNCB outing Campbell Valley park
6. Thurs. June 28, DNS Garden Party, Chris & Marlene's, 5:00 pm
7. Sat. Aug. 18, Starry Night, Deas Island Park, 6:30 pm.

8. Sun. Aug 19, Richmond Raptor Festival, Terra Nova, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
9. Sun. Aug 19, Animal Expo, Memorial Park, Ladner, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
10. Fri. Aug. 24, IOC Bird Outings in Delta, Deas Island/BBRP, all day
11. Sat. Sept. 8, Day at the Farm, Westham Island, 10:00-4:00 pm.

Other Matters for discussion

IOS Meeting: Anne Murray reported that there will be four tours of Delta on August 24th. DNS is sponsoring 2/3 of these tours.

Volunteers Needed

- People needed that have a reasonably good skill in bird I.D.'s to join the tours. These people are especially needed on the Dyke.
- Refreshment help is needed at Deas Island [coffee] for one of the tours
- Two people are needed as back up emergency people to transport any participants back to hotel or hospital if needed. They should have a car.

Contact Anne ASAP

Director for Tourism Delta. Tourism Delta is looking for a director for DNS to add to their group of directors. Anyone interested contact Tom B.

50/50: The 50/50 was a disappointing \$16

Speaker:

David Reesor presented on the Birdlife and animals of Sri Lanka. A large number of interesting sightings. He also showed another video of Cuba wildlife and also a compendium of some of his best wildlife photographs. The presentations were well received.

Next Meeting: September 4. 7:30 p.m. with presentation on the Galapagos and Peruvian Amazon with Jim K., Chris. McV., Paul R.