



# Delta Naturalists Society

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## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

**Welcome:** Tom Bearss, President, welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of 2020, wished everyone a Happy New Year and introduced the two Executive members present: Anita Den Dikken, and Elizabeth Perrin who was taking minutes. Mike Betts was selling 50/50 tickets and Tom reminded everyone that ticket prices will be one for \$2.00 and three for \$5.00.

**Minutes:** David Hoar moved approval of the circulated, draft minutes of our December 3, 2019 meeting prepared by Elizabeth Perrin. Mary Taitt seconded the motion which was passed. These minutes will be posted on the "Members Only" portion of our website.

**Mail:** In the absence of Jim Kneesch there was no mail to report.

**Treasurer & Membership Report:** As Jim Kneesch is away, there was no financial report available. Tom welcomed new Membership Coordinator, Joanne Van Snellenberg, who will be taking over those duties from Jim.

**Publicity:** Publicity is going very well and Tom thanked Geof for another very artistic poster.

**Newsletter:** Tom thanked Audrey Coutts for yet another excellent newsletter.

**Social:** Joanne Williamson thanked tonight's goodie providers: herself, Elizabeth P., Marilynn K. and Noreen R. Tom advised that there would no longer be a \$1 charge for compostable cups. Instead, a Donation Box will be placed on the counter to allow members and guests to make donations towards coffee and goodies should they wish to do so.

### Environmental Issues:

1. Anita mentioned an article worth reading in the Fri. January 3 Vancouver Sun (FP section) regarding Mark Carney, former Bank of Canada Governor, who is joining the UN as a special envoy on climate change and finance..

2. Valerie Fuller commented on the horrible impact of the Australian wildfires on animals and people and mentioned a link on CNET where people can donate:

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/australian-fires-everything-we-know-about-the-crisis-and-how-you-can-help/>

Scroll all the way down to HOW YOU CAN HELP, and there is an extensive list of different kinds of charities. Under WILDLIFE, you will see a number of organizations which concerned people can donate to. (Note: You can also donate through canadahelps.ca)

**BCN & Speakers:** The February meeting will feature Martin Gregus Jr. with a presentation on Snowy Owls.

### **Activity since December 3 meeting:**

Only three DNCB outings – 1) Surrey Lake and Mud Bay Parks, 2) our quarterly Birds on the Bay Outing in BBRP and 3) this morning to White Rock and Blackie Spit Park. We also had our Ladner Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday December 21. Check the DNCB blog at [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com) for reports and photos.

**Note: Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings.**

### **Other Activity Reports since December 3 Meeting:**

1. Fri. Dec. 6, BBPA meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

### **Future Meetings /Events:**

1. Fri. Jan. 17, BBPA meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m. to noon.
2. Mon. Jan. 27, DNS Executive Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Tom's home.
3. Mon. Jan. 27. DNS Program Review Committee, Syd's condo, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

### **Other Reports/Issues for Discussion:**

1. **Bird Week:** May 2-9, 2020. DNS will be organizing several events to celebrate Bird Week. Rob Butler will be speaking on Crows Thursday, May 7 at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre. In addition to his 45 minute presentation there will be displays and photos. Delta will provide refreshments. There will be a Wednesday outing at Reifel and a Saturday outing at BBRP, possibly with refreshments to follow at Cammidge House.

**Presentation:** Jocelyn Demers presented his excellent documentary The Future of Birds and invited those present to make comments on his Facebook page.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 7:30 p.m. with Martin Gregus Jr. presenting on Snowy Owls.