



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### **DNS Monthly Meeting September 6, 2016**

**Welcome:** Tom opened the meeting by introducing the Executive, several of whom were absent, as well as other DNS members who contribute to the operation of the Society, and welcomed visitors. Jim Ronback is resigning as a Director but will still be keeping us informed on environmental issues.

**Minutes:** Tom sought approval of the draft minutes of the June 7 meeting. Moved by Jim Ronback, seconded by Valerie Fuller and approved by members present.

**Mail:** Our post office box is no longer valid. **Cheques for membership dues should not be mailed but brought to the next meeting or given to Tom or another member to deliver.** Executive will determine how mail is to be handled in future.

**Treasurer & Membership:** In Jim Kneesch's absence there was no financial report. Chris McVittie and Mike Betts collected annual dues and ensured waivers were signed.

**Newsletter:** The September edition was very informative. As always, Audrey would appreciate contributions from members.

**Publicity:** Val advised that all is going well. As well as including an item in the Events column, the Optimist printed Val's article about tonight's speaker, Graham Sunderland.

**Social:** Tom thanked tonight's goodie providers, Greg Edwards, Armene Belless, Liz Stewart and Marion Shikaze. Elizabeth is resigning from the Social Committee and Armene Belless is joining it.

**Environmental Issues:** Jim Ronback advised of a new forum called Fraser Voices comprised of a number of naturalist groups concerned with the health of the Fraser River. Val Fuller has provided her research on Plastic Grass to the Executive who will discuss and report to members later.

**BCN & Speakers:** Ursula was absent but has arranged speakers for October, November and December. Tom will attend the BCN Fall General Meeting in Prince George September 22-25.

**Display Committee:** Terry and Marylile were both absent. Summer events have all gone well. The last 2016 event is Day at the Farm, September 10.

**Archives Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Activity since June 7 Meeting:**

There have been thirteen DNCB outings since the June 7 meeting. Check out Outing Reports and photos on our DNCB Blog at [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com). Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. September 8 outing is along Boundary Bay dike trail at 104 St. See website for Future DNCB Destination List.

**Other Activity Reports** since June 7 meeting:

- 1) Wed. June 8, Birds on the Bay outing in BBRP, Cammidge House, 9:00 a.m.
- 2) Sat. June 11, first Car Boot Sale, Centennial Beach, 8:00 to noon. (Other Car Boot Sales, June 25, July 9 & 23, Aug 13 & 27, Sept.10.)
- 3) Thurs. June 16, DNS Annual Garden Party, Cammidge House, 5:00 p.m.
- 4) Sun. June 19, Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, Centennial Beach 9:00 a.m.
- 5) Sat. Aug. 20, Starry Nights at Deas Island Park, 7:00 p.m.
- 6) Sun. Aug. 21, Ladner Animal Expo, Memorial Park, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 7) Fri. Aug. 26. BBPA meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m.
- 8) Sun. Aug 28, Richmond Raptor Festival, Terra Nova Park, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Future Events/Meetings:**

- 1) Sat. Sept. 10, Day at the Farm, Westham Island, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last Car Boot Sale.
- 2) Wed. Sept. 14, Birds on the Bay Outing, BBRP, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 3) Tues. Sept. 20, DNS Executive meeting, 7:30 p.m. Tom's home.
- 4) Sept. 22-25, BC Nature FGM & Conference, Prince George.
- 5) Sat. Oct. 1, Stars in Focus event, Cammidge House, 8:00 p.m. (hosted by BBPA)
- 6) Tues. Oct 4, DNS meeting **& AGM**, Benediction Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 7) Thurs, Oct. 6, Bird Box Cleaning, BBRP and Earthwise, 9:30 a.m.
- 8) Fri. Oct. 7, Presentation by BCIT on Invasive Species in BBRP, Cammidge House, 7:30 p.m. (hosted by BBPA)

**Other Issues for Discussion:** AGM preparations. Jim Ronback is retiring. Chris McVittie is joining the Executive as a Director at Large.

**FLICKR Presentation:**

Picasa is no longer supported by Google and we were running out of space so we have moved to FLICKR for storing photos. Jack McDonald did a short presentation on its various features and provided a handout on viewing photos on FLICKR. Information is also available on our blog. Viewers do not require an account. Ken Borrie will put a link from each DNCB blog to photos. Access at [flickr.com/groups/DNCB](http://flickr.com/groups/DNCB).

**Sightings; 50/50 (Rob. M.**

Al Stewart reported seeing a pygmy nuthatch in Kelowna.

**Speaker:**

Tom introduced Graham Sunderland who provided a humorous and informative presentation on his adventures as the Naturalist on Alaska cruises. Along with many wonderful photos (including glacier bears, the rare spoon-billed sandpiper, charming sea otter pups and flying squirrels, Graham talked about climate change, as evidenced by rapidly melting glaciers.

**Next Meeting and AGM:**

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. at Benediction Lutheran Church with Emma Langson presenting on Plastic Oceans.