



**DELTA NATURALISTS
SOCIETY**

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DNS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2017

Welcome: Tom introduced the Executive and welcomed visitors to tonight's meeting. Visitors included Nicholas Wong, Independent candidate for Delta South in the upcoming provincial election. Other visitors were Bev Gibson, Vanessa Kramer, Helen Phillips and Lindsay Gorman (Nicholas' girlfriend, now his fiancée).

Minutes: : Jim Ronback moved that the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting be approved, Jennifer Melville Roberts seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

Mail: No mail was received during the past month.

Treasurer & Membership: Jim Kneesch informed us that DNS now has a total of 114 members, of which 53 are individual, and 30 are family. The bank balance at the end of April was \$3697.74. See attached financial statement.

Newsletter: Tom congratulated Audrey on yet another great newsletter, this one 26 pages in total.

Publicity: Valerie Fuller advised that the Surrey Leader does not publish Delta events. Therefore, North Delta residents are not able to be informed of South Delta events unless they access the Internet edition of the Delta Optimist.

Social: Joanne/Armene/Jennifer. Tom thanked this month's goodie providers. They were Noreen Rudd, Armene Belless, Carol Rennie, Jean Hacker and Valerie Fuller. Marilyn King brought delectable chocolates. People were reminded of the June 24th garden party at the home of Chris McVittie and Marlene Mark. A sign-up sheet was being circulated.

Environment Issues: Jim Ronback updated us on the Bridge/Tunnel issue and gave us a briefing on the protest at the symbolic sod turning event. As well, Marilyn King brought two petitions for signatures. They were: Defend our Drinking Water and Salmon Bearing Rivers AND Defend Our Coast From Oil Tankers.

BCN & Speakers: Anita as "acting" B.C. Nature Rep. will be attending the BC Nature AGM in Lillooet, May 4-7, 2017. Our June meeting will feature several presentations by DNS members.

Display Committee: Terry/Marylile. Report on Watershed Park-April 23. Volunteers are needed for future events. DNS will have a display at the Mother's Day Tea with the Birds.

Archives Committee: Geof Hacker. Nil report.

Activity since April 4 Meeting:

Four DNCB outings since April 4 meeting to: 1) Iona Regional Park, 2) Brydon Lagoon & Hi-Knoll Park, 3) Ladner Parks and 4) Deer Lake Park, Burnaby. Check out Outing Reports, and photos, on our DNCB Blog at: www.dncb.wordpress.com. Note that outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. See website for recently amended future DNCB Destination List. Tennant Lake Park in Washington is the destination for Wednesday, May 3rd.

Other Activity Reports since April 4 meeting:

- 1) Fri. Apr. 7, BBPA meeting at Cammidge house.
- 2) Birds in Focus Presentations, Tsawwassen Arts Centre, 6:30 pm (Elizabeth).
- 3) Thur. Apr. 20, Scotch Broom Removal in BBRP, BBPA activity, 10:00 am
- 4) Thur. Apr. 20, DNS Executive meeting, 7:30 pm, Tom's home,
- 5) Sun. Apr. 23, Birds in Focus Workshop, Cammidge House, (Jack McDonald).
There was a good turnout for this event.
- 6) Sun. Apr. 23, Delta Fish Release, Watershed Park, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.
More than 50 people participated on the bird walk held in conjunction with this event.
- 7) Sun. Apr. 29, MV's Celebrating Partners, Port Coquitlam, 8:30 am-1:30 pm.

Future Meetings/Events:

- 1) Thur. May 4 to 7, BC Nature AGM, Lillooet, (Anita)
- 2) Thur. May 11, Woodchip Spreading at Burnsvew Sec School, 10:00 am to Noon.
- 3) Sat. May 13, Ursula's Celebration of Life, Cammidge House, 2:00-4:00 pm.
Elizabeth mentioned that the final number of attendees would be needed by Sunday, May 7th.
- 4) Sun. May 14, Mother's Day Tea at Cammidge House, 12:30 - 2:30 pm..
- 5) Thur. May 25, DNS Executive meeting, Chris's home, 7:30 pm.
- 6) Sat. June 10, First Car Boot Sale, Centennial Beach, 8:30 am-Noon.
- 7) Wed. June 14, Birds on the Bay outing, Cammidge House, 9:00 am
- 8) Sun. June 18, Pancake Breakfast in the Park, Centennial Beach, 9:00 am-Noon.
- 9) Sat. June 24, Second Car Boot Sale, Centennial Beach, 8:00 am-Noon.
- 10) Sat. June 24, DNS Annual Garden Party, Chris McVittie/Marlene Mark home.

Other Issues for Discussion:

None.

Sightings & 50/50 (Mike Batts).

David Hoar & Noreen Rudd did a presentation on their Adventures in Costa Rica. They spotted many birds on this trip, and treated us to wonderful slides.

Next meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m. at Benediction Lutheran Church, with several DNS Members giving Presentations.