



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

@ Cammidge House

Monday March 08th 2010 (7: 35pm-7: 50pm)

Attendance: Tom Bearss, Ursula Easterbrook, Dorothy Graham, Jennifer Melville Roberts, Jim Ronback, Mary Ronback, Hans-Ulf Schellhase and Joanne Van Snellenberg, Eleanor Coulter; total attendance: 23 (twenty-three) including guests.
Tom chaired the meeting.

Absent: Terry McComas

Visitors: Tom welcomed the visitors

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Melville-Roberts: there is **\$792.42** in the account.

Minutes: Ursula Easterbrook (11th/01/2010) proposed the acceptance of the last minutes, Mary seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mail: (Hans): None

Progress Reports:

Committees:

Publicity: (Joanne), there is nothing to report except for the fact that it is: **International Woman's Day**, and if you like to know more about it:

<http://www.feministing.com/archives/020274.html>

Environment: - (Jim) informed us that a letter was sent to Delta Council pointing to a link between **insecticides** (bylaw!) **and the disappearance of frogs**. Further: There was a meeting involving Vicky Huntington that is going to address a proposal to ban Province-wide the use of insecticides.

- (Tom, the Chair) informed us that Terry McComas completed most of the work concerning nesting boxes for birds in and around Centennial Beach.

Social: - (Eleanor) accepted names for providing goodies for the next meeting.

BCN (BC Nature): (Ursula) reported from last Saturday's business meeting that **to inform** the public about certain conditions: e.g. "slippery boardwalks" during excursions are the responsibility of the facilitator(s); the issue here is **negligence to inform** (from an insurance point of view!) 'Tom Bearss (Chair)' supplemented the information on Risks/Liabilities, as they should concern participants on any Delta Nats outing.

Upcoming Events: For more information please visit <http://www.bcnature.ca/pages/conferences/conferences.html>, however here is a reminder:

Conferences and general meetings:

- Conference & AGM May 14-16, 2010; hosted by Kamloops Naturalist Club at Thompson Rivers University. Theme – Grasslands: Past, Present and Future
- Conference & FGM Sept 30 – Oct 3, 2010; hosted by Langley Field Naturalist Society

Field camps:

- BC Nature Camp on Salt Spring Island April 27 – May 2, 2010. full, wait list
- BC Nature Camp at Gavin Lake, near Williams Lake, May 30 – June 5, 2010
- Skagit Bird Blitz, June 4 to 6, 2010
- Manning Bird Blitz, June 18 – 20, 2010
- Exploratory Backpacking, July 3-11, 2010

Other Business: 'Ursula' reminded the audience that the Delta Naturalists has a Web Site at BC Nature, a BLOG, which was confirmed by Jim. - There is going to be a New President and Vice President at BC Nature. - 'Ursula' secured three to four more speakers for the coming season. - One of the speakers is going to address the removal of 'invasive species', which has to be done in stages as the environment adapted to same and will experience 'shock' if everything is removed at once (example: nesting birds), especially since native species need time to re-establish themselves! - 'Ursula' had a look at pamphlets (\$5. -) for the Okanagan "Birding Trails" and is suggesting (perhaps) similar pamphlets for Delta. (a topic for the next Executive Meeting!). - "Ursula" reminded the Club of BCN – awards for local initiatives and Judy Kilcup's nomination for her work on Cosmetic Pesticides (Jim Ronback's suggestion) for an award from BC Nature. - 'Ursula' is suggesting an award by the Delta Nats for similar activities, and the award would be a free membership (?).

Announcements by the Chair:

Alerts: - There are going to be Public Information Meetings by Metro Vancouver and on the Municipal level concerning 'Boundary Bay' that require public input, and concerned members might like to attend (check the local papers!)

Joined Activities: - with the "Friends of Semiahmoo" (joined clean-up around Boundary Bay) - A joined field trip with the "Langley Field Naturalists".

Next General Meeting: 12 April, 2010

Minutes: HUS (25/March/2010)