



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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DNS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2016

Welcome: Tom noted that tonight's meeting was the second meeting of our 2016/17 year and also that our AGM would follow this meeting. He introduced the Executive and welcomed visitors. He did extend apologies to the audience on behalf of our scheduled speaker, Emma Langson, who was to have done a presentation on Plastic Oceans. Unfortunately Ms. Langson was ill and will be rescheduled for one of our 2017 meetings.

Minutes: The draft minutes of the September 6th meeting had been circulated. Jim Ronback moved that they be accepted; Joyce Manary seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Mail: Jim Kneesch reported that a few dues payments had been received by mail. He also indicated that Delta Nats. now has a new postal address and that it is P.O. Box 18044, 1215C 56TH Street, DELTA, B. C. V4L 2M4. The only change is to the Post Office Box number. He is trying to get our old number back and in the meantime, mail addressed to the old P.O. Box is to be forwarded to the new.

Treasurer & Membership: 2016/2017 dues are now due. To date there were 54 paid-up members. More people did pay at this meeting and a revision to the number of members will be publicized at the next meeting. Jim also submitted the balance sheet for the 2015/16 fiscal year, leaving DNS with a year-end balance of \$2711.69, and with 89 paid-up memberships. We had a major expense this year with the purchase of a new scope. See the Balance Sheet for further detail.

Newsletter: Members expressed their appreciation to Audrey for her great newsletters.

Publicity: Valerie was commended for her great effort for publicizing this month's meeting.

Social: Tom thanked this meeting's goodie providers. He further noted that Elizabeth was resigning from the Social Committee and expressed appreciation for her involvement.

Environment Issues: No updates were provided this time. Jim Ronback had been on an extended road trip/vacation in the U.S.A.

BCN & Speakers: As Ursula was absent Tom provided an update on the November speaker. This will be David Hoar whose presentation will be on his and his wife's Adventures in the ARCTIC.

BCFGM:

THIS WAS HELD IN PRINCE GEORGE SEPT. 22- 25. TOM ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF DELTA NATS. AND REPORTED THAT IT WAS A GOOD MEETING.

THERE WERE ABOUT 150 ATTENDEES FROM 50 - 60 MEMBER CLUBS. THE PRESENTATIONS AND LOCAL OUTINGS WERE INTERESTING.

THE NEXT AGM (2017) WILL BE IN LILLOOET, B. C..

Display Committee: Terry and Marylile reported on our summer events and thanked all of the volunteers. The highlights were the Landfill events, and the Day At The Farm.

Archives Committee: No report this month.

Activity since June 7 Meeting:

Five DNCB outings since Sept. 6 meeting to: 1) Boundary Bay dike at 104th St. 2) Birds on the Bay at BBRP 3) Blackie Spit 4) Point Roberts 5) Queen Elizabeth Park. Check out Outing Reports, and photos, on our DNCB Blog at: www.dncb.wordpress.com. Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (effective Oct. 4). See website for Future DNCB Destination List.

Other Activity Reports since June 7 meeting:

- 1) Sat. Sept. 10, Day at the Farm, Westham Island, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- 2) Tues. Sept. 20, DNS Executive meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 3) Sept. 22-25, BC Nature FGM & Conference, Prince George.
- 4) Sat. Oct. 1, Stars in Focus event, Cammidge House, 8:00 pm. - Jim reported that the poor weather detracted from the numbers attending. This was a Boundary Bay Parks Association event in association with Delta Nats.
- 5) Sun. Oct. 2, NatureKids event at Centennial Beach, 3:00 to 6:30 pm. Tom praised Elizabeth for her involvement in this and mentioned that the kids had a weiner/marshmallow roast on the beach.

Future Meetings/Events:

- 1) Thurs. Oct. 6, Bird Box Cleaning, BBRP & Earthwise, 9:30 am.

- 2) Fri. Oct. 7, BBPA meeting at CH, 10:00 am
- 3) Wed. Oct. 5, Presentation by BCIT on Invasive Species in BBRP, Cammidge House, 7:30 pm.
- 4) Sat. Oct. 22nd, Eco-Blitz at BBRP, 10 AM - 1 PM, meet at 10 AM at 12th Avenue Parking Lot
- 5) Oct. 25th - Joint outing with Club members from Pender Island. Jack McDonald will lead the outing and extend typical DNS hospitality to the Island members.

Other Issues for Discussion: None.

AGM: followed this meeting.

Sightings & 50/50: (Rob M).

PRESENTATION:

Al Stewart gave a presentation on his and Liz' trip to Point Pelee in May of this year. The highlights of this trip were the many species of warblers which they viewed. Beautiful pictures of many birds which we normally or never see here were presented.

Chris McVittie gave a presentation on his recent trip to Arizona. The focus was on some of the birds he saw as well as on some of the landscape.

Both speakers are to be commended for agreeing to do last-minute presentations on their trips. The audience was quite engaged with them.

Next meeting and AGM on Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 p.m. at Benediction Lutheran Church with David Hoar presenting on his and Noreen's Adventures in the Arctic.