



# Delta Naturalists Society

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## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

**Welcome:** Tom Bearss, President, welcomed members and guests to the second meeting of the 2019/2020 year and introduced Anita DenDikken, the only Executive member present. Elizabeth Perrin, outgoing Vice-President, was taking minutes, Mike Betts was selling 50/50 tickets and, in the absence of Treasurer Jim Kneesh, Chris McVittie was accepting dues payments.

**Minutes:** Audrey Coutts moved approval of the circulated, draft minutes of our September 3, 2019 meeting prepared by Elizabeth Perrin. Carol Rennie seconded the motion which was passed. These minutes are posted on our Members Only website.

**Mail:** The only item in the mail was a Recognition Certificate from the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society.

**Treasurer's Report:** No financial report available. Chris McVittie handling dues payments in Jim Kneesch's absence.

**Publicity:** Publicity obviously went well considering the number of guests. Tom thanked Geof for another very artistic poster.

**Special Acknowledgement:** Tom presented Geof and Jean Hacker with a well-deserved Honourary Lifetime Membership to DNS in recognition of their many contributions to the Society.

**Newsletter:** Tom thanked Audrey Coutts for yet another excellent newsletter and for agreeing to become a member of the Executive Committee.

**Social:** Joanne Williamson thanked this evening's goodie providers – Valerie F., Angela B., Debbie H. and Katheryn M. Annie K. and Anne M. also contributed. Joanne asked for another volunteer to assist at the November meeting.

## **Environmental Issues:**

1. Anita reminded members of the 100 Debates on the Environment event October 10 at Kin Village from 6:30 to 8:30 and encouraged them to attend. In addition to the four national questions there will be four linked to local issues.
2. Anne Murray advised that the Birds and Biodiversity Conservation Committee will be meeting with Metro Vancouver in the near future.
3. Anita advised that Susan Jones, an avid researcher, has ferreted out a proposal to do ocean dumping in areas populated by orcas, salmon and Indigenous people. She will send this to DNS.
4. Anne Murray encouraged members to attend the October 20 event at Harris Barn, Ladner, from 1:00 to 5:00, organized by Bird Studies Canada and West Coast Seeds, a celebration of the return of wintering birds to Delta. There will be talks on attracting birds to gardens, bird songs of Delta, crafts for kids, coffee and snacks. OWL may also attend (note: since confirmed). DNS will have their display plus a Barn Owl box, owl pellet dissection and a display of wintering bird photos. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

## **Activity since Sept. 3 meeting:**

Five DNCB outings – Mt. Baker, Birds on the Bay in Boundary Bay Regional Park, Iona, Pt. Roberts and White Rock/Blackie Spit. 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, effective October 1.**

## **Other Activity Reports since Sept. 3 Meeting:**

1. Sat. Sept. 7, Day at the Farm, 10:00 to 4:00, Westham Island Herb Farm
2. Wed. Sept. 11, Birds on the Bay outing, BBRP, 9:00 a.m. to noon
3. Sun. Sept. 29, Friends of Semiahmoo Bay annual celebration, Surrey, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **Future Meetings /Events:**

1. Thurs. Oct. 10, 100 Debates All Candidates meeting on Environment, Kin Village 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (co-sponsored by DNS)
2. Sun. Oct. 20, Bird Studies Canada Welcome Back Birds Celebration at Harris Barn 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
3. Mon. Oct. 21, DNS Executive Meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
4. Tues. Oct. 22, Improving Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Workshop, Richmond (Anita attending)
5. Tues. Nov. 5, DNS AGM, Benediction Lutheran Church, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Other Reports/Issues for Discussion:**

Birds in Focus Visual Presentation 2020 – Date has been set – Sat. April 4, Tsawwassen Arts Centre. One presenter (Liron Gertsman) has been confirmed. Elizabeth working on others.

**Break:**

**50/50 Draw:** Ron Long drew the winning ticket held by Jennifer Melville-Roberts.

**Presentation:** Tom introduced Ron Long who gave a wonderful presentation on his travels in two national parks in Namibia and Botswana- Etosha and Chobe, with a great diversity of birds, plants and animals.

**Next meeting and AGM: Tuesday, November 5, 7:30 pm,** with Sean Boyd of Canadian Wildlife Service presenting on Wetlands.

Note: In December David Hoar and Noreen Rudd will present on their birding adventures in South Africa.