



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### MINUTES OF DNS MONTHLY MEETING D R A F T

March 1, 2016

**Welcome** Tom Bearss our President introduced the Executive. Jim Ronback pretended to be a secretary as Anita den Dikken was ill. Welcome Visitors.

**Minutes:** Elizabeth Perrin moved to accept Anita's February 2 draft Minutes (circulated by Jim Ronback with Newsletter). Seconded by Marylile Martin. Carried.

**Mail:** No mail was put in our mail box.

**Treasurer & Membership:** Tom presented treasurer's report prepared by Jim Kneesch (vacationing in Mexico). We have \$3,372.28.

**Newsletter:** Prepared by Audrey Coutts was circulated Feb. 27.

**Publicity:** Valerie Fuller's publicity efforts are tikety boo.

**Social:** Elizabeth Perrin, Liz Stewart, Joanne Williamson, Armene Belless, Thanks to this evening's goodie providers. Thanks to Paul Rennie for Techy duties.

**Environment Issues:** 1) Delta Birds & Biodiversity Strategy status report approved Delta Council is now available online.). 2) VAPOR- Otto Langer is recovering from his heart attack, bypass surgery plus insertion of a pacemaker with a defibrillator. 3) Jim reported that Stop the Radio Towers - A final Victory Party and fund raiser is planned by the Cross Border Coalition on Mar 5 to pay off remaining legal debt of \$14,000 US in Pt. Roberts.

PS. Mar 11 – Enough money was raised to pay off the legal debt. Thanks to all the DN members who donated generously.

4) Winskill is soliciting input on future plans for redevelopment – linked to redevelopment of Kin Village. DNS will have input to ensure protection of treed area.

5) Western toads are a species at risk.

Moved by Elizabeth Perrin and seconded by Marylile that \$250 be donated to the Wilderness Committee's Toad People, a film highlighting the lack of, and need for, endangered species legislation in BC. There are approximately 1500 species at risk in BC. See <http://www.toadpeople.org>. Carried.

**BCN & Speakers:** Ursula. Remember, the BC Nature AGM is in Comox, May 12-15.

**Display Committee:** Terry Carr/Marylile Martin. See List of Events in Newsletter.

**Activity since February 2 Meeting:**

Four DNCB outings since Feb. 2 meeting to: 1) Drayton Harbour & Semiahmoo Spit, WA, 2) Stanley Park, 3) Alaksen & Reifel and 4) this morning to Queen Elizabeth Park.

Check DNCB Blog at: [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com) for reports and photos. Outings leave Petra's at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**Other Activity Reports** since Feb 2 meeting:

- 1) Fri. Feb. 5, BBPA Meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Sun. Feb. 21, Heritage Day at CH, BBPA host with DNS Display, 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Note Delta Council Award to BBPA)
- 3) Thurs. Feb. 25, Rotary Presentation on Delta Birds Strategy (Tom), Beach Grove GC, 7:30 a.m.
- 4) Sat. Feb. 26, NatureKids NatureBlitz at Reifel & Alaksen with DNS Activity Leaders and Display.

**Future Meetings/Events:**

- 1) Thurs. Mar. 3, Bird Box Cleaning at BBRP/Earthwise, 9:30 a.m.
- 2) Wed. Mar. 9, Birds on the Bay Outing, Cammidge House, 9:00 a.m.
- 3) Fri. Mar. 11, BBPA Meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m.
- 4) Fri. Mar. 11-13, Wings Over Water, Blaine, WA
- 5) Thurs. Mar. 17, Meeting with Minister Carla Quantrough, 9:30 a.m.
- 6) Wed. March 23, DNS Executive meeting, 7:30 p.m. Tom's home
- 7) Wed. April 6, Richmond Seniors Outing at Iona (Tom)
- 8) Sat. April 30, MV Partners Celebration, Maple Ridge School, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

**Tom also attended a meeting for Seniors chaired by our MP Carla Qualtrough.**

**Other Issues for Discussion:** 1) New Scope for DNS, thank Donors and Vancouver Telescope (Old Scope repaired). 2) Update on Search for GHO Nest for Nature of Things,

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

**8:15 p.m.** Introduce **Dr. Nancy Prober** giving a presentation entitled: **Vitamin N: The Health Benefits of Connecting with Nature.**

**Next meeting** on Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. at Benediction Lutheran Church with Gwen Barlee of the Wilderness Committee presenting.