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DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY (DNS)

Minutes of April 3, 2018 Meeting

Welcome: Tom welcomed DNS members and guests. He proceeded to identify DNS Executive: Elizabeth, Vice-President, taking minutes tonight ; Anita – our representative to BC Nature and recruiter of our speakers; Jim – Treasurer and Membership; Chris – absent Director-at-Large; Syd – absent Director-at-Large. No visitors identified themselves.

Minutes: The minutes of the DNS March 6, 2018 meeting were approved. Moved by Val Fuller, seconded by Jim Ronback. All attendees in favour.

Mail: No mail was received last month.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported that Delta Nats now enjoys a membership of 114. New member Grant Edwards was welcomed. The end of March bank balance was \$3,669.

Social: Goodie providers were thanked – Anita, Annie, Armene, Joyce, Valerie W., Marilyn, Valerie F. and the Easter Bunny. Joanne reminded members that our annual garden party will be held on Thursday, June 28 at Chris and Marlene's residence in Tsawwassen. More details will be provided as the time approaches.

Environmental Issues:

1. Jim Ronback reported that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency is updating the Environmental Assessment Act.
2. Herring Spawning – Richard reported that is happening now at Lily Point.

Anita commented that OWL's annual Open House will be May 5th and 6th.

BCN & Speakers: Anita advised that next month's speaker will be Marg Cuthbert of the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society presenting on Mozambique.

BC Nature AGM – is in Vancouver May 10-13. Anita and Tom have registered to attend. It will be a very interesting event with a number of side tours.

Nest Box Team Report: (Jim Kneesch)

- Team has recently built 12 barn owl nest boxes. Six have been installed.
- Twelve additional swallow boxes have been installed in Boundary Bay Regional Park.
- Approximately \$2,500 grant was approved by the BC Naturalists Foundation to provide materials for barn owl box construction.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

1. Casual birding outing- Wednesday mornings - usually meeting at Petra's in Tsawwassen at 7:30
See web site for planned destinations.
2. Fri. Apr. 6 – BBPA meeting. CH 10:00 a.m. to noon
3. Sat. Apr 7 – BBPA Invasive Species Removal. BBRP 10:00 a.m. to noon
4. Sat. Apr 7 – Birds in Focus Visual Presentation. Tsawwassen Arts Centre 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
5. Sun. Apr. 8 – Birds in Focus Photography Workshop. CH 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
6. Sun. Apr.15 – Fish Release/Nature Walk led by Tom. Watershed Park. 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
7. Mon. Apr. 23 –DNS Executive Meeting. Tom's home 7:30 p.m.
8. Sat. Apr. 28 – Regional Heritage Fair. Harris Barn 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
9. Sat. Apr. 28 – Metro Vancouver Parks Celebrating Partners. Capilano 8:00 a.m. to noon
10. Sat. May 12 – World Migratory Bird Day. CH 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Elizabeth encouraged members to register for Birds in Focus Visual Presentation and to register for the Photography Workshop if interested in improving photographic skills. Jack MacDonald leading the Workshop and captive raptors will be there for practice. Posters were available for details.

Terry commented he needs volunteers for the Watershed Fish Release April 15 and the Heritage Fair April 28.

50/50: Noreen Rudd was the lucky winner of the draw.

Speaker: Ross Dixon of Raincoast Conservation Society gave an informative presentation on the Society's efforts, past and current, to protect coastal carnivores, in particular wolves and bears.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 1 with Marg Cuthbert speaking on Mozambique.