



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### DNS MONTHLY MEETING

May 3, 2016

**Welcome:** Tom opened the meeting by introducing the executive, welcoming participants and enquiring if there were visitors. He also welcomed one new member.

**Minutes:** Tom asked if anyone had comments regarding the minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting. As no comments were received, Ursula Easterbrook moved that the minutes be approved; Valerie Fuller seconded the motion. Motion approved by the membership.

**Mail:** Jim Kneesch reported that no mail had been received since the last meeting.

**Treasurer & Membership:** It was reported by Jim Kneesch that Delta Nats. now has 88 memberships (58 individual and 31 family). The current bank balance is \$3,038.54. For details, please refer to the April 30th sheet of deposits and disbursement.

**Newsletter:** Most of those present had received and read the newsletter. Tom complimented Audrey Coutts on the usual excellent quality.

**Publicity:** Valerie reported that the p.r. is proceeding smoothly as far as she is aware but commented that the Optimist sometimes edits her submission to save space.

**Social:** Elizabeth/Liz/Joanne: Tom thanked the goodie providers for this evening. They were Eleanor Coulter, Rochelle Farquhar, Marilyn King and Joanne Williamson.

Elizabeth gave a brief update on the upcoming DNS Garden party. A few printed invitations, prepared by Joanne Williamson, were placed on the goodie table along with a sign-up sheet. Liz Stewart is also taking a sign-up sheet to the casual birding walks as some birders do not attend meetings.

#### Environmental Issues:

Delta Birds & Biodiversity Strategy: Nicki Brockamp reported on the first of three workshops/strategy meetings organized by Delta Corp. which she and Anne Murray attended. The three-hour workshop, which included a number of interested parties, focused on creating a mission statement and identifying goals. The second workshop will take place in the fall.

The Winskill Master Plan: Anne Murray was not present but Jim Ronback mentioned that she will represent Delta Nats. at planning meetings. Anne has visited Winskill and listed a significant number of birds and animals frequenting the area, information that will be useful in showing the importance of protecting the wooded area.

Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust: Members were reminded of the request from DFWL to donate bottles of wine for their fundraising auction.

BCN & Speakers: Ursula. BCN AGM in Comox, May 12-15. Tom again encouraged Delta Nats. members to attend this event as it is a worthwhile learning experience.

Ursula advised that she is compiling a list of future speakers.

Display Committee: Terry/Marylile, See List of Events in Newsletter. The display committee needs more volunteers. Volunteers are urged to contact Terry Carr

Archives Committee: Jim Kneesch has the binder of old minutes which he will scan and put on the website as time permits. The binder will be sent to Archives.

Activity since April 5 Meeting:

Four DNCB outings since April 5 meeting - 1) Iona, 2) Bowen Island  
3) Ladner Parks 4) Brydon Lagoon & Hi-Knoll Park.

Check DNCB Blog at: [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com) for reports and photos. Outings now leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. May 4 outing is a new destination, Pt. Whitehorn and Tennant Lake in Washington State.

Other Activity Reports since April 5 meeting:

- 1) Wednesday April 6, Richmond Seniors Outing at Iona (Tom).
- 2) Sunday April 17, Delta Fish Release and Nature Walk, Watershed Park, 11:30 a.m. (Terry/Marylile).
- 3) Sunday, April 17, Birds in Focus Photography Workshop, Cammidge House, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Ursula)
- 4) Wednesday, April 20, Delta Volunteer Summit, Delta Town & Country Inn, 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. (Elizabeth). Tom also attended part of this meeting. Elizabeth gave a brief report since a written one had already been circulated to members.
- 5) Friday, April 22, installed 15 more bird boxes at Kings Link GC (now 50).
- 6) Sunday, April 24, FOSBS outing at Blackie Spit, leader Terry Carr, 9:00 a.m.
- 7) Saturday, April 30, MV Partners Celebration, Thomas Haney School, Maple Ridge, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Elizabeth Perrin and Anita DenDikken attended. Elizabeth reported on a most enjoyable and educational tour at Kanaka Creek Regional Park. Tom encouraged members to take advantage of future Celebrations.

Future Meetings/Events:

- 1) Friday, May 6, BBPA meeting at Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m.

- 2) Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day Tea with the Birds (IMBD), Cammidge House, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. (Ursula).
- 3) Saturday, May 14, BC Naturalists Foundation AGM, Comox 1:30 p.m. (Tom).
- 4) Tuesday, May 24, DNS Executive Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Tom's home.
- 5) Sunday, May 29 FOSBS outing at Mud Bay Park, leader Tom 9:00 a.m.
- 6) Friday/Saturday June 3/4 Landfill Open House with Nats display.
- 7) Wednesday, June 8, Birds on the Bay outing in BBRP, Cammidge House, 9:00 a.m.

#### Other Issues for Discussion:

Tom has two Great Horned Owl owlets in a nest behind his house, still downy and obviously hatched later than the ones in Beach Grove Park.

Tom will add Pacific Spirit Park to DNCRB list.

#### PRESENTATION:

Peter Ward gave an interesting and, at times, humorous presentation, enjoyed by all, on his 2016 adventures with Birds & Water in Argentina and Chile. He had some wonderful shots and a short video of the magnificent Iguazu Falls as well as many photos of exotic birds and butterflies.

Next meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m. at Benediction Lutheran Church with Jim Morrison presenting on the Bright Future of BC Nature.