

DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY: General Meeting MINUTES, DEC. 8, 2014

WELCOME: Ursula welcomed those present. She then turned the floor over to Lynn Moses who advised those present of the tree protection presentation that Lynn, Anne Murray, and Marilyn King were to present to Delta city Council on December 15th

GOODIE PROVIDERS: Ursula noted the array of Xmas special goodies and thanked the goodie providers. They were Jean Hacker, Jonathan Mwenifumbo, Val Fuller, Joyce Manary, Marilyn King, and Elizabeth Perrin.

POSTER: Ursula complimented Geof Hacker for the imaginative poster he devised for tonight's presentation on puffins.

MINUTES: Jim Ronback moved that the Minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting be approved; Jennifer Melville-Roberts seconded. Carried.

MAIL: None.

TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP: Jennifer has agreed to stay on as Treasurer to the end of August 2015. The current bank balance is \$4354.76.

NEWSLETTER: Ursula reiterated that a new Editor is required and asked again for volunteers. Two people could do it together. There were no volunteers tonight.

PUBLICITY: Val reported that our P.R. is working.

ENVIRONMENT: Jim Ronback gave an update on the VAPOR judicial review. The time allotted by the Supreme Court of BC was insufficient; the hearing will resume February 10th.

The "appeal" of KRPI against the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner's decision will be heard by the Whatcom County Council on January 13th in Bellingham, Wa.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Geof reported that he will be meeting in January with the Delta Museum Archivist.

BCN: Nil report.

ACTIVITY SINCE LAST MONTHLY MEETING: The Wednesday morning bird-watchers have continued their weekly outings.

There have been no DNS displays within the past month.

The DNS Executive Meeting for Nov. 24th was cancelled due to unavailability of several of the Directors. As well, there was no pressing business.

SIGHTINGS: Hummingbirds, numerous wood ducks in Valerie Fuller's backyard, one snowy owl at 72nd Street, short-eared owls at Brunswick Point.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Paul Berlinguette will do a presentation of Monday, January 13th on Important Wetlands of the Fraser Valley.

There will be a Xmas Bird Count again this year on December 21st.

PRESENTATION:

Terry Carr presented a number of photos and commentary on puffins and other seabirds in Scotland, Wales, Newfoundland, Iceland, and B. C. Some very beautiful photography was evident. Terry has a talent with capturing bird images on camera.

Thank you to Terry.

The meeting adjourned.

POST Meeting event: as we were leaving, Lorraine suggested that she would be willing to be the VP, as long as she wouldn't be required to take over, nor chair a meeting (but she might!). Her generous offer and position will have to be discussed at the next Exec. Meeting – and she will be appointed to complete the current year.

Thank you Lorraine!

All we need now is a crew of Editors!