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DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY (DNS)

Minutes of May 1, 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 – absent Treasurer and Membership; Chris – absent Director-at-Large; Syd – absent Director-at-Large. Two visitors identified themselves.

Minutes: The minutes of the DNS April 3, 2018 meeting were approved. Moved by Val Fuller, seconded by Jim Ronback. All attendees in favour.

Mail: No mail was received last month.

Treasurer& Membership: Delta Nats now enjoys a membership of 114. The end of April bank balance was projected to be \$6,311 (Jim had to complete before end April).

Social: Goodie providers were thanked –Marilynn K. Angela B. and Noreen R. Jennifer reminded members that our annual garden party will be held on Thursday, June 28. Sign-up sheets were available and will be at the June meeting also.

Environmental Issues:

1. Jim Ronback advised that he had forwarded his report on the hazards of LNG to the Fraser River to Defenders of the Fraser River.
2. Anita advised that Alan Burger has signed a letter (from BC Nature) regarding the Agricultural Land Reserve. She also provided a tip on getting rid of ants in the home.

BCN & Speakers: Anita advised that next month's speaker will be David and Diane Reesor presenting on Sri Lanka.

She reminded members that the BC Nature AGM – is in Vancouver May 10-13 and she and Tom have registered to attend.

Activity since April 3 Meeting: There were four birding outings, details of which are on the DNS website. April 4 outing was to Whidbey Island. Other activities involving DNS included:

Birds in Focus Visual Presentation April 7 at Tsawwassen Arts Centre

Birds in Focus Photography Workshop April 8, Cammidge House (presented by Jack MacDonald)

Fish Release and Nature Walk April 15, Watershed Park

DNS Executive Meeting April 23, Tom's home.

Barn Owl Box Inspection April 26, Kings Links and North 40 Park (chicks and eggs)

Installation of 14 additional bird boxes at Kings Links April 27

Regional Heritage Fair, April 28, Harris Barn (DNS and BBPA had adjacent displays)

Metro Vancouver Parks Celebrating Partners, April 28, Capilano (Tom was unable to attend).

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

1. Fri. May 4 – BBPA meeting. CH 10:00 a.m. to noon
2. Sat. May 12 – World Migratory Bird Day, Cammidge House, 12:30 to 2:30.
3. Sun. May 13 - Coastal Plant Walk on the Little Campbell Forest Trail 1:00 to 3:30 sponsored by the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society.
4. Mon. May 21, DNS Executive Meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 p.m.
5. Fri. June 1, Landfill Open House, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
6. Sat. June 2, Landfill Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
7. Wed. June 13, Birds on the Bay outing, Cammidge House, 9:00 a.m.
8. Sun. June 17, Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, Centennial Beach, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Other Issues for Discussion:

Bird Boxes – Team has constructed 18 barn owl boxes which will be placed in farmers' fields. Funding of approximately \$2,500 was provided by the BC Naturalists Foundation.

DNS Displays – Terry needs additional volunteers for June 1 and 2 Open House events at the Landfill.

Birds in Focus – Elizabeth reported that, in spite of good attendance, we lost \$78 on the Visual Presentation, due in part to the cost of compostable cups. Joanne Williamson has now made a bulk purchase.

50/50: There were three draws, two for Ursula's prints, won by Richard S. and Mike B. Angela B. won the pot. She donated \$20 of that to DNS.

Sightings: Brown-headed Cowbird, Brandt's Cormorant, White-fronted Geese, Cinnamon Teal

Speaker: Marg Cuthbert of the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society gave a fascinating presentation on Mozambique including beautiful birdlife and animals, the diverse landscape, the economy and poaching problems.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. with David and Diane Reesor presenting on the Birdlife and Sloth Bears of Sri Lanka.