



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

@ Cammidge House

Monday, Oct. 8th 2012, 7:30 – 10:00 pm

Welcome: Tom Bearss, President, welcomed everyone and introduced visitors and our Executive Members. Geoff Hacker's poster for tonight's meeting was displayed and much appreciated. 33 folks were in attendance.

Tom reviewed the printouts on the table, notably the Fraser River Delta Ramsar Site designation of Sept. 22nd, 2012. This includes Burns Bog, the Wildlife Management Area of Boundary Bay and the former Alaksen Ramsar Site on Westham Island. Also the petition supporting a Shark Fin Import Ban is available for signing.

Minutes – Sept. 10th, 2012 minutes—Moved by Joyce Manary, Seconded by Mary Ronback. Carried. Executive Committee meeting- Sept. 24th- draft minutes were referenced. Tom directed the Executive to look at the feasibility of changing next Oct.'s meeting so as not to fall on Thanksgiving weekend.

Treasurer's Report – \$4985.21 current balance. Memberships are now due (signed waiver slips must accompany) for 2012-2013. \$30 for a single and \$40 for a family membership.

Mail – none

Social Thanks to Greg Edwards, Ken Borrie and Anne Avery for tonight's goodies

Publicity: proceeding smoothly

BCN& Speakers: Next month's speaker is Ron Long on Texas Flowers (including birdlife)

The list of future speakers is included in the current Newsletter.

BCN Fall General Meeting was in Parksville, Sept. 27-30th. 6 from Delta Nats attended. Spring AGM to be in Abbotsford.

B.C. Nature: Joyce & Brodie attended a great B.C. Nature Camp in Lillooet. Nature camps are held twice a year-spring & fall. Information on them is in the B.C. Nature Newsletter which we get with our Delta Nats membership.

Newsletter: Another excellent Sept. Newsletter. Please remember to help Mary with items for the next Newsletter

Environment Issues: a) Cosmetic Pesticides. The focus remains on getting a Provincial Ban on the sale of cosmetic pesticides. Strategies to this effect will be developed closer to the Provincial election b) VAPOR –in limbo at the moment. Marilyn King brought bumper stickers tonight for purchase (\$2.50) by DeltaNat members- NO TANKERS.

c) Industrial Buyout of South Delta Farmland-Tom reported that the petition is here again tonight and that MLA Vicki Huntington held a public meeting on this issue on Sept.17th.

Projects:

- 1) Bird Box Program –Peter and Ken are holding a Workshop Birdhouse Building Program- Sat.& Thurs. Kay attended last Sat. !6 boxes being made at cost. Our boxes in the field are all open now and old ones will be replaced in Feb.
- 2) Info/Signage about Delta Nats at new Centennial Beach Concession Stand. Signage is under consideration. Phase 2 Consultant's Plans were described by Tom and copy of the plans were tabled for our review tonight.
- 3) Table & 10x 10 tent for Delta Nats Display- Tom has purchased both. Delta Nats has a new locker in the Centennial Beach Concession area
- 4) Snowy Owl Project. No update

DNCBS.(Delta Nats Casual Birders): There were 4 outings since Sept. D.N. meeting including our quarterly Birds On the Bay outing Sept.12th. Check our Blog at www.dncb.wordpress.com for reports on these outings- #2012-40 to 2012-43–led by Tom. Link easily from the Blog to our photos on our Picasa site. Outings leave Petra's in Tsaw.at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Our next outing, Oct. 10th is a day-long" Gulf Island Ferry Trip"

Other:

A.UPDATES: Review of events that Delta Nats participated in since Sept. Meeting;

- 1)Sept.12- BBRP Bird Box Cleaning from Cammidge House
- 2)Sept.15- Art Fair and Open House at Cammidge House, noon- 3:
- 3)Sept.22- Cammidge House Car Boot Sale (last one in 2012)
- 4)Sept.24-DNS Executive Meeting at Jennifer's house
- 5)Sept.27-30 –BCN FGM at Parksville
- 6)Oct.5 –Cammidge House Committee Meeting
- 7)Oct.6—Bird Box Workshop at Peter Ward's house

B. UP COMING EVENTS:

- 1) Oct. 11 – Bird Box Workshop at Peter Ward's home (Thurs. & Sat. in October)
- 2) Oct. 29 – DNS Executive Meeting
- 3) Nov. 3 – Metro Vancouver's ParkFest at BCIT-thanking volunteers
- 4) Nov. 7 – IBA Workshop at Cammidge House
- 5) Nov. 10 – Coastal Waterbird Monitoring Workshop at Cammidge House (see Poster)
- 6) Nov. 12 – DNS Monthly Meeting at Cammidge House
- 7) Nov. 26 – DNS Executive Meeting
- 8) Dec. 10 – DNS Monthly Meeting
- 9) Dec. 12 – Birds on the Bay Outing, 9:00 a.m. at Cammidge House
- 10) Jan.11-Cammidge House Car Boot Sales 2013 Planning meeting.

C.NEW BUSINESS:

Delta Nats has mugs, bottles and shirts from last years FGM to creatively use. Executive to discuss and bring back ideas to next meeting.

D. RECENT SIGHTINGS: the juncos and snow geese have arrived

BREAK----goodies and 50/50

TONITE'S SPEAKER: Chris Harley. UBC Department of Zoology--- 'How Will B.C's Coastal Marine System Respond to a Changing Climate"