

DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

February 19, 2015 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

PRESENT: Tom Bearss, Jim Ronback, Elizabeth Perrin, Jennifer Melville-Roberts and Anita den Dikken.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 29th Executive meeting were reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the February 9, 2015 General Meeting were reviewed, necessary additions and changes made, and approved. Final minutes to be sent out by Anita to the Board, and to Audrey.

SCHEDULING OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th, at the home of Jennifer. We will try Wednesday nights; Tom's preference is to meet a couple of weeks before the General Meeting to allow the Board to iron out any problems or issues prior to that meeting.

MAIL: The items from the last meeting were given to Anita.

TREASURER: Jennifer reported that the current balance is \$3129.56. There are a few former members who have not yet paid their annual membership fees. Participants on Tom's birding walks need to be members of Delta Nats. or of an allied organization.

NEWSLETTER: was received, distributed to the membership, and deemed to be a successful undertaking. Congrats. to Audrey for a very interesting and readable presentation.

ENVIRONMENT: Jim will inform members at the next general meeting, of the April art auction in support of the Cross Border Coalition. He will also inform us of any developments in the VAPOR judicial review although it may be several months before a decision is rendered.

Anne Murray has agreed to address the March meeting on the DNS Bird Strategy which will eventually be presented to Delta Council.

SOCIAL: No words of wisdom could be added to the comments from the last meeting. We are confident that Lorraine will have the coffee situation under control.

BCN & SPEAKERS:

Dudley Booth is the next scheduled speaker for our general meeting. The topic of his presentation is "Journey To The Stars".

We need to get his bio and more detail on what his presentation will entail. That information will be needed for Audrey re the newsletter, Valerie Fuller for P.R., and for Geof who will no doubt produce his usual brilliant poster to illustrate the event.

VICE-PRESIDENT POSITION OF DELTA NATS.

Tom initiated the topic of V.P. Filling this position may be done by the Directors of Delta Nats. Anita moved, and Jennifer seconded that Elizabeth Perrin be designated the Vice President of the Delta Naturalists Society. All those present were in agreement.

OTHER ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Move to Church – we will need to advise our members to return their dishes from the coffee and goodies to the kitchen immediately after the coffee break, to allow these dishes to be washed, air-dried and put away at the end of the meeting (and not hours later).
2. Display Events Information: will be attached to newsletters.
3. Bird Box Cleaning: to commence on Friday, February 27th at 9:30 AM. There are 33 boxes in the Metro Vancouver Boundary Bay Park to be examined and cleaned; notes to be made of the condition of each box.
4. International Migratory Bird Day and Birds in Focus were discussed. Elizabeth believes these events have been pretty well organized by Ursula in terms of speakers and presentations. Jennifer and/or Elizabeth to check with Ursula with regard to any outstanding issues which they could help with.
5. 50-50 tickets: Idea is to sell these at a separate table at the beginning of meetings. This will eliminate the rush at coffee break to buy these.
6. A box for donations to Delta Nats. could also be set out at meetings. We do have visitors at our meetings and they might like an opportunity to contribute.
7. The Cheetah photo donated to Delta Nats. by previous speaker David Reesor will be auctioned at our next meeting.

Next Exec. Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th

MEETING ADJOURNED: by general consensus.