



# Delta Naturalists Society

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## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

**Welcome:** In the absence of President, Tom Bearss, Anita DenDikken, BC Nature Representative, welcomed a crowd of 80 people, including guests from White Rock/Surrey Naturalists and Nature Vancouver, to the first meeting of the 2019-2020 season. No other members of executive were present. Elizabeth Perin, outgoing Vice-President, was taking minutes. Anita took this opportunity to remind members that we still do not have a Secretary, are now short a Vice-President and Director-at-Large and encouraged them to consider joining our Executive. She thanked Mike Betts for selling 50/50 tickets and Mike Bayliss for accepting membership renewals.

**Minutes:** Anne Murray moved approval of the circulated, draft minutes of our June 2019 meeting prepared by Chris McVittie. David Hoar seconded the motion. These minutes are posted on our Members only website.

**Mail:** Jim Kneesch is away so there was no report on mail.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Kneesch's interim financial report showed a bank balance of \$4,824.20.

**Newsletter:** Anita thanked Audrey Coutts for yet another excellent newsletter.

**Social:** Joanne Williamson advised that Armene B. has stepped down from the Social Committee and another volunteer would be most welcome. She thanked this evening's goodie providers –Margaretha S., Annie K., Valerie W., Angela B. and Elizabeth P. Joanne also advised that, as requested, copies of recipes from the Garden Party were available.

### Environmental Issues:

1. Anne Murray reported on the Delta Birds and Biodiversity Conservation Strategy update to Delta Council August 26. She gave a brief background on the initiation of the strategy by DNS, the work of the DNS team (Anne, Terry Carr., David Hoar, Noreen Rudd, Nicki Brockamp, Chris McVittie and Kathryn Milligan) including meetings with Delta staff (Climate Change & Environment and Engineering) prior to finalizing the presentation. The

- presentation included actions since November 2015 and next steps. Specific strategy items proposed to promote living with and reducing impact on wildlife were : Alternatives to rat poison, improving parking and signage, passive park areas with fenced areas for dogs, washrooms in key locations, improvements to Delta website for smoother access to nature viewing. There was also a recommendation that Council appoint a dedicated Council member to liaise with DNS regarding the strategy and a request for Delta to reprint brochures. (14,000 Birds in Delta and Experience Birds in Delta brochures have been handed out, 11,000 of which were printed by Delta). The presentation was very well received and Council agreed to all proposals and to consideration of a Delta BioBlitz in 2021.
2. Anita commented that Panel members on the Delta Port 2 hearings appeared to have a good grasp of the issues being addressed and really paid attention to submissions, including those by eight DNS members. At the moment there is no date for a final decision by the Panel.
  3. Anita reminded members about 100 Debates on Thursday October 10 at Kin Village. As this is a national initiative to engage candidates regarding environmental issues, there are four set questions on topics such as climate change, water and wildlife. As well, we expect and hope to have additional questions specific to Delta. If members have specific questions they would like to see put forward, they should contact Anita.
  4. Larry Colero advised that the BC Green Party is hosting a viewing of the film "Toad People" at the Ladner United Church September 7 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Activity since June 4 meeting:**

Anita referred members to our web site for reports on outings.

**Note:** Outings leave **Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings changing to Tuesdays October 1.** Check DNCB Blog at: [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com) for more info, reports and photos.

**Other Activity Reports since June 4 Meeting:** refer to agenda

#### **Future Meetings /Events:**

1. Sat. Sept. 7, Day at the Farm, 10:00 to 4:00 Westham Island Herb Farm
2. Wed. Sept. 11, Birds on the Bay outing, BBRP 9:00 to noon. Meet at Cammidge House.
3. Tues. Sept 17, DNS Executive Meeting, Tom's home 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
4. Tues. Oct. 1, DNS monthly meeting, Benediction Lutheran Church, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
5. Thurs. October 10, 100 Debates All Candidates meeting on Environment, Kin Village, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. (co-sponsored by DNS)
6. Tues. Nov. 5, DNS AGM, Benediction Lutheran Church, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Break:**

**50/50 Draw:** David Reesor drew the winning ticket for \$28.50 held by Audrey Coutts.

**Presentation:** Anita introduced world travellers David and Diane Reesor who gave a fascinating presentation on Ethiopia with wonderful photographs. Diane thanked Geof Hacker for his poster which was so evocative of the country. A question about dangers David and Diane encountered on their travels elicited a somewhat humorous reason for exchanging a vehicle. "This one has a cobra in it."

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 7:30 pm,** with Ron Long presenting on Birds, Plants and Animals of Namibia and Botswana.

Note: November presentation will be on Wetlands with Environment Canada. In December David Hoar and Noreen Rudd will present on their birding adventures in South Africa.