



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 14, 2014 at Cammidge House, 7:30 p.m.

**Directors** present were Tom Bearss, Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Ursula Easterbrook, Annie Kaps, Lorraine Mwenifumbo, Marilynn King, Susan Burns. Tom Bearss, as president: introduced the directors in attendance; acknowledged the absence of directors Hans-Ulf Schellhase and Jim Ronback; and, welcomed visitors.

Tom Bearss displayed **Geof Hacker's Poster** for to-night's presentation by Bernie Fandrich.

Ursula Easterbrook moved for approval, seconded by Terry McComas, **Minutes of March 10, 2014 General Meeting**, as sent to Members with March Newsletter (Volume 28, #7). Passed.

**Mail:** Hans-Ulf Schellhase absent; no other known mail received. Annie Kaps reported that the Mayor and each member of the Delta Council were forwarded copies of BC Nature's Spring 2014 issue (5300 subscribers), as it featured the Delta Naturalist Society.

**Treasurer,** Jennifer Melville-Roberts stated \$3,784.16 in bank, after payment for new brochures; however, the new amplifier/speaker system, being used for the first time this evening, is not reflected in this balance.

**Membership:** Jennifer Melville-Roberts advised that there are 87 members (honorary, single and family).

**Newsletter:** Editor Susan Burns requested that, should anyone have articles they wished to contribute, they be forwarded to her.

**Publicity:** Valerie Fuller is continuing to publicize in community newspapers.

**Social:** Committee of Lorraine Mwenifumbo and Marilynn King advised that Hans-Ulf Schellhase (absent but dropped off contribution), Carol Rennie, Pam Melville-Roberts, and Jean Hacker provided goodies for this evening. Goodie providers for April meeting shall be contacted to remind them of their commitment.

**Environment:** Jim Ronback absent, as at Vicki Huntingdon's Town Hall Meeting. Marilynn King reported she is presently working on a display regarding bats. Stop Terminal 2 cards were made available.

**Archives:** Committee head, Geof Hacker along with committee members Jennifer Melville-Roberts and Hans-Ulf Schellhase progressing.

**BCN** (AGM in Victoria) attending from Delta Nats: Tom Bears, Ursula Easterbrook (Delta Nats' funded representative on the BCN Board), Anne Murray, Joyce Manary and Boudi Van Oldenborgh.

**Speakers:** Ursula Easterbrook stated that **to-night's speaker**, Bernie Fandrich (Experiencing the Thomson River) had books (autographed, if requested) for sale at \$25 each. **Next month's May 12, 2014** presentation will be by Don DeMill on Burns Bog. Ursula is organizing **June 9th's** evening as a members' night. Information shall appear in the Newsletter. Anyone wishing to contribute to this evening must submit their presentation to Jonathan Mwenifumbo well before this date so that he can electronically programme the evening.

**DNCB:** Changed to Wednesdays in April, beginning at 7:30 a.m., meeting at Petra's unless otherwise advised. Five outings (see Blog for reports and upcoming destinations) since March 10 meeting including:

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| 1) Mar. 12  | Quarterly BOTB Outing at BBRP with 35 participants                    |
| 2) March 17 | Stanley Park with 19 participants                                     |
| 3) March 24 | Ferry Trip to Victoria, organized by Terry Carr, with 27 participants |
| 4) April 2  | Ladner Parks with 18 participants                                     |
| 5) April 9  | Colony Farm with 22 participants                                      |

### Meetings/Events since March Meeting

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|-----------------|---|
| 1) Fri. Mar. 14 | Barn Owl Boxes check, see report on Blog  |
| 2) Fri. Mar. 14 | Birds in Focus presentation at Tsawwassen Arts Centre   |
| 3) Sun. Mar. 23 | Birds in Focus workshop at Cammidge House   |
| 4) Fri. April 4 | BBPA Meeting at CH, 10:00 a.m.  |
| 5) Sun. Apr. 13 | WRSN YNC Outing at 72 <sup>nd</sup> St. (Tom Bearss, Leader) 2:00 p.m.<br>20 kids enjoyed miles of low tide adventure |

### Future Meetings/Events

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| 1. Mon., April 21 | Western Sandpiper Migration, dyke at Roberts Bank, 10:30  |
| 2. Sat. April 26  | * Earthwise Bee Friendly Display, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.   |
| 3. Sun. Apr. 27   | * Fish Release at Watershed Park, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  |
| 4. Mon. April 28  | DNS Executive meeting at Jennifer's, 7:30 p.m.  |
| 5. May 1-4        | BCN AGM in Victoria   |
| 6. Fri. May 2     | BBPA meeting at CH, 10:00 a.m.  |
| 7. Sat. May 10    | * Migratory Bird Week Presentations at TAC May 1-31; Ursula needs volunteers;<br>6:30 - 7:30 Exhibit and Reception; 7:30 - 9:00 David Hancock (Bald Eagle Migration and More); Sean Boyd (Migratory Connection of Salish Sea Birds); Jim Martin (Unusual and Rare Migrants) |
| 8. Sun. May 11    | * Migratory Bird Day (international event) at CH with Display; Walks (Inter-tidal and shoreline: Jennifer and Doug Swanston); (Tom Bearss Upland Birding); Mothers' Day Tea With the Birds at CH: ID of birds, Pacific Flyway; Anne Murray                                  |

- lending her slide show
9. Mon. May 12 DNS general meeting at CH, 7:30 p.m.
  10. Sat. May 31 \* Coastal Waterbird Monitoring Workshop at CH, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (BSC run, DNS hosting)
  11. Sun. June 8 \* Int'l Trail day at BBRP (DNS Display with MV)
  12. Wed. June 11 Skagit Valley outing with Al/Jude Grass
  13. Sat. Jun. 14 First Car Boot Sale
  14. Sun. Jun. 15 \*Pancake Breakfast at Centennial Beach; Fathers' Day
  15. Wed. Jul. 9 San Juan Islands Birding Cruise
  16. Sun. Aug 10 \* Animal Expo in Ladner with DNS Display
  17. Sat. Aug. 16 \* Starry Night in Deas Island Park with Display; 7:30 - 10:00

\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### **Other Issues for Discussion:**

Amplifier/Speaker/microphone which purchased, set up by Jonathan Mwenifumbo and utilized for the first time this evening.

### **Sightings:**

- Tom Bearss reported that the 30 Delta Nats bird boxes have birds investigating, flying around them.
- Valerie Fuller dealt with a dead muskrat
- Ursula Easterbrook went to the ocean to witness the herring spawn
- Valerie Fuller travelled to Ambleside Park to observe the moulting elephant seal
- Rob McGregor, while at Steveston, watched sea lions
- Cow Birds were observed at Reifel by Valerie Fuller

### **50/50 and Break.**

**Acknowledgements:** Tom Bearss spoke of recent losses impacting Delta Nats

- Mary Ronback, our former Newsletter Editor, his mentor, his fellow gourmet supper club member, passed away. Many Delta Nats honoured her by attending memorial service in Vancouver
- Loss of Doug Graham, Delta Nats member
- Anne Murray's mother passed away in England

**Speaker:** Bernie Fandrich and his Presentation on the Thompson River, introduced by Tom Bearss.

### **Adjournment**

Recorded by Annie Kaps