

**DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY**  
**Province of British Columbia Society No. S-0035135**  
**Government of Canada, registered Charitable Organization No, 8920 79849 RR0001**  
**MONTHLY EXECUTIVE MEETING, Monday, January 27, 2014**

**Present Were:** Jim Ronback, Hans-Ulf Schellhase, Susan Burns, Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Lorraine Mwenifumbo, Ursula Easterbrook. Annie Kaps was a late arrival.

**Absent Were:** Tom Bearss, Marilyn King

**Agenda:** Was discussion and accepted.

**Minutes:**

- Approval of last Executive Meeting Minutes of Monday, November 25, 2013 was deferred to the next Executive Meeting, Monday, February 24, 2014.
- Last monthly meeting draft Minutes of January 13, 2014 were reviewed for Newsletter publication.

**Mail:** As neither Hans-Ulf Schellhase nor Jennifer Melville-Roberts visited the mail box, there was nothing to address.

**Treasurer/Membership:** Jennifer Melville Roberts advised that there was \$4270.78 in the bank, including a \$150 donation from Anne Murray. She did not have with her an up-to-date roster of members.

**Newsletter:** Susan Burns discussed clarification of notification of general meetings and voting on motions at these meetings: Members-in-good-standing (Paid-up members) have voting privileges. General Meetings are attended not only by members but also open to those who come to hear the speakers.

**Publicity:** Valerie Fuller (does not attend Executive Meetings) did not forward a report.

**Social:** (Lorraine Mwenifumbo/Marilynn King) Lorraine advised goodie providers have been scheduled and shall be called to remind them of their commitments..

**Environment:** Marilyn King absent and did not submit a report. Jim updated on (a) VAPOR and mentioned the coming fundraiser on Sunday, February 2, 2014. (b) Re BOOM BLASTERS, a legal challenge is being mounted.

**BCN & Speakers:**

- Ursula Easterbrook advised that speakers are scheduled as per the list provided to the executive.
- BC Nature has requested Ursula to submit a historical article on the Delta Naturalists Society. She is attempting to glean information from archival materials as well as from present and past

members.

- Ursula questioned whether those who spoke of possibly attending the BC Nature AGM in Victoria on May 1-4 were going. Annie Kaps advised that, as she was not able to register for BC Nature camp at Tofino, she is no longer planning on attending. Anne Murray sent an email asking if anyone wished to accompany her, but she is returning early. Tom Bearss is on Foundation Board and advised he was planning on attending. Ursula, as our representative, shall be attending with privileges associated with this representation. Others unconfirmed.

**DNCB:** Tom Bearss absent and did not submit a report. His weekly Casual Birding reports are emailed to interested parties and are posted on the blog.

### **List of Items for Discussion or Tabling**

1. **List of Directors:** as reported by Jennifer Melville-Roberts, directors of the Delta Naturalists Society as submitted after the AGM of November 11, 2013 were Tom Bearss, Jim Ronback, Hans-Ulf Schellhase, Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Ursula Easterbrook, Lorraine Mwenifubo, Marilyn King, Susan Burns, Annie Kaps. Jennifer did not disclose the date she submitted these to the B. C. Registry. It should have been immediately after the AGM. There is a discrepancy (as per email sent separately to the Directors) in the AGM minutes recorded by Jim Ronback. These cannot be addressed until the next AGM.
2. **List/File of Motions**, not from inception as it would require extensive perusal of archived minutes, but from present, secretary to keep in a separate file a copy of those minutes which carry policy motions (excluding motions to adopt minutes, etc.)
3. **Society Act:** Our AGM of November 11, 2013 brought us into compliance and, after the year end of August 31, 2014 an AGM shall be held within legislated time.
4. **Constitution:** As pointed out by Ursula Easterbrook, the original constitution has not been found, the only one on hand being the April 3, 1996 Amended Constitution. Applications for Incorporation, filed with BC Registry, have not come to light either.
5. **BC Nature** requires compliance with the Societies Act and, at the FGM in Cranbrook they addressed this issue.
6. As Voted-in-**Directors** at AGM's they have their names and addresses submitted by the Treasurer, with accompanying cheque of \$25, to B. C. Registry.
7. **Cash Flow Statements** are to be presented, with comparable years, at the Executive Meeting prior to the AGM, enabling the Directors to analyse them and compare them to prior years' expenditures/receipts.
8. **Society # and Charity #** are shown on Minutes partly because we are required to show our Charitable Number and partly because it took a bit of doing on secretary's part to acquire them.
9. **General Meeting Minutes content:** Rather than detail in the minutes reports presented at Monthly General Meetings, it was agreed that these reports should be submitted in writing to Newsletter Editor Susan Burns for publication in the Newsletter as articles. This allows for expansively addressing the presentations. Minutes of the General Meeting shall not go into detail but shall record speaker and subject, referring to the Newsletter for the report.
10. **Presenters and Articles** (When to Archives? [Let the archivists decide](#)) When to newsletter? [\(Editor's decision\)](#) Executive approval? [\(Not needed we trust the editor?\)](#)

11. [Application requirements](#) for grants (receipts, documents, letters) [\(table this until a champion is found to apply for a grant\)](#)
12. **Financial Reporting:** bank **balance** to monthly Executive Meeting; Cash Flow Statement, with comparable years, to last Executive Meeting prior to AGM. Reconciled Bank Statement should accompany this Cash Flow Statement.
13. **Naturalists Foundation** – grant deadline January 31 **Poster** - content, distribution [\(content is up to Geof \)](#)
14. **Brochure** - Jim Ronback has offered to update and reprinting shall follow. This updated brochure shall be edited, referring to our blog for contact information.

**Ursula Easterbrook moved that only the Newsletter be posted on the blog and not the General Meeting Minutes nor the list of Executive and Committees. Hans-Ulf Schellhase seconded. Discussion followed.**

**Jim Ronback moved to table this motion until the next Executive Meeting. Annie Kaps Seconded. Defeated, as voted: 3 for tabling, 3 for not, 1 abstaining.**

## **Adjournment.**

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**Membership/registration form?**

16. **Website(s)** – how many? (DN CB, DNS, archiving needs?, personal?), content, protecting content, costs [\(table this until a champion is found\)](#)
17. **Schedule of Displays** [\( should prepared and available before the meeting\)](#)
18. **VARC's Shell Canada Grant** [\(general meeting motion required\)](#)
19. **BC Nature AGM May 1 to 4** – Resolutions, Reports
20. Other

**Other Meetings/Events** [\(should be reduced to 2 months ahead. Identify which events will require DN participation and who is the key contact\)](#)

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| 1. Fri Feb 7  | - BBPA at CH  |
| 2. Sun Feb 23   | - Heritage Day                                      |
| 3. Mar 13 to 16   | - “Wings Over Water” Birding Festival in Blaine, WA |
| 4. Fri Mar 14   | - BIRDS IN FOCUS presentation at TAC                |
| 5. Sun Mar 23   | - BIRDS IN FOCUS workshop at CH                     |
| 6. <a href="#">Cutoff here unless some events require advance preparation</a> |   |
| 7. Apr 27 to May 14   | - BC Nature Tofino Marine Exploration Camp          |
| 8. May 1 to 4   | - BC Nature AGM in Victoria, BC                     |
| 9. May 29 to Jun 1  | - BC Nature Nicola Ranch Camp                       |
| 10. Sun Jun 14  | - Car Boot Sale at Centennial Beach                 |

11. Sun Jun 15 – Father's Day Pancake Breakfast at  
**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Mon Feb 10	- DNS General Meeting at CH with Speaker Tamsin Baker
Mon Feb 24	- DNS Executive Meeting at TBA
Mon Mar 10	- DNS General Meeting at CH with Speaker Sofi Hindmarch
Wed Mar 12	- Quarterly Birds On The Bay at CH
Wed Mar 24	- DNS Executive Meeting at TBA

**Agenda** submitted by Susan Burns and edited (blue-lined) by Jim Ronback, who chaired the meeting.

**Recorder:** Annie Kaps