



## **DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY**

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### **DRAFT MINUTES DNS MONTHLY MEETING**

November 7, 2017

**Welcome:** Tom introduced the new Executive elected at the October 3 AGM: Vice-President, Elizabeth, Treasurer and Membership, Jim.K, Directors Chris McV, Anita and newbie Syd Barber. He also welcomed welcomed the six or seven visitors among the 59 attendees..

**Minutes:** Jennifer Melville-Roberts moved that the minutes of the October 3 meeting be approved, Seconded by Audrey Coutts. Approved by those present.

Anita was thanked for her yeoman service as Secretary and, although she has resigned from these duties, she will continue as the DNS Director with responsibilities for BC Nature and Speakers. Executive members will share secretarial duties until someone volunteers to take on this portfolio.

**Mail:** Jim Kneesch advised that six membership cheques had been received.

**Treasurer & Membership:** Jim advised that we now have 97 paid members. Bank balance at the end of October was \$5,530.

**Newsletter:** Audrey has once again produced an excellent newsletter and welcomes submissions from members.

**Publicity:** Valerie Fuller advised that all is going well. She is now advertising DNS meetings in the Point Roberts newspaper. Geof produced an excellent poster for Anne Murray's presentation, the original of which was presented to Anne following her presentation.

**Social:** Joanne/Jennifer/Armene/Valerie Whitlam. This month's goodie providers were Carol Rennie, Elizabeth Perrin, Noreen Rudd, Viviane Barber and Angela Burnett. Joanne reminded members that the December meeting is our Christmas get-together and all members are welcome to contribute goodies.

**Environment Issues:** No issues were raised.

**BCN & Speakers:** Anita commented that, although DNS is not political and not aligned with any political party, the BC Nature Conservation Committee does pursue environmental issues with the appropriate government.agency/department at the provincial and/or federal level. Tom reported on a BC Naturalists Foundation meeting on

November 6. The Foundation has Investment Portfolios worth about \$650,000. The interest is used for grants to member clubs in BC to finance environmental, conservation or other projects they undertake (e.g. bird box program, park rehabilitation etc.)

### **Activity since October 3 Meeting:**

Five outings since last meeting to: 1) Boundary Bay at 104<sup>th</sup> St, 2) Jericho Beach & Camosun Bog, 3) Deception Pass & Whidbey Island, 4) Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal & Reifel Bird Sanctuary, and 5) Terra Nova Park, Richmond (this morning).

Check DNCB Blog at: [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com) for reports and photos. Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Tuesday November 14 outing will be to Stanley Park.

### **Other Activity Reports since Oct. 3 meeting:**

- 1) Fri. Oct. 6, BBPA monthly Meeting at CH, 10:00 am (Nats Elizabeth, Jim, Geof and Jean, Don and Rochelle and Tom participating).
- 2) Thur. Oct. 12, Bird Box Examination/Cleaning at Kings Links GC, 9:30-Noon (Peter, Chris, Jack, Roger K, Jim, Tom with Delta NatureKids).  
Note: DNS now has 130 bird boxes in several locations. Ten boxes were taken down in Boundary Bay Regional Park and new ones will be installed pending approval from Metro Vancouver for location. Barn owl box to be installed at Kings Links. A new one was installed at Earthwise.
- 3) Sun. Oct. 15, FOSB's Appreciation Reception, Noon-4:00 pm, Semiahmoo F&G; award given to DNS)
- 4) Fri. Oct. 20, Cleaned 22 Bird Boxes at Tsawwassen Springs GC, (Tom)
- 5) Mon. Oct. 30, DNS Executive meeting at Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 6) Wed. Nov. 1, Pender Island Naturalists birding visit to Delta, (Jack, Anne, Roger, Tom).
- 7) Sat. Nov. 4, MV's Parksfest, all day (no Nats attended, BBPA gave a Pecha Kucha ).
- 8) Sun. Nov. 5, Invasive Species Removal at BBRP, 10:00 am-Noon (Tom),
- 9) Monday, Nov. 6, BCN Foundation meeting, BCN Office, North Vancouver, 1:30 pm. (Tom)

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

- 1) Thurs. Nov. 9, Barn Owl Box installation at Kings Links, 9:30 am.
- 2) Fri. Nov. 10, BBPA monthly meeting at CH, 10:00 am.
- 3) Tues. Nov. 21, DNS Exec meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 4) Sat. Dec. 23, Ladner Christmas Bird Count

**Other Issues for Discussion:**

Jim Kneesch encouraged members to look at the DNS Facebook page maintained by him and Chris McVittie – and to “like” it.

**Sightings; 50/50:** Carol Rennie was the winner of the 50/50 draw.

**Presentation:** Anne Murray gave an excellent presentation on "Seabird Colonies in England, Iceland and Peru. In addition to photos of the birds and the surrounding landscape, Anne provided information on the numbers of birds in the colonies (some of them quite astounding) and on the social habits of the species, e.g. shared nest building and care of chicks.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., with Felix Martinez of the South Coast Bats Society presenting on bats and their role in our ecosystem.