



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### **Minutes of DNS Monthly Meeting** January 2nd 2018 [7.30pm -9.45pm]

**Welcome:** Tom introduced Executive, Welcome Visitors. Ongoing 50/50 with Mike Betts. Tom enthused about the new projection screen.

**Minutes:** Approved December 5 meeting minutes. Moved by Joyce Manary and seconded by Jennifer Melville-Roberts.

**Mail:** Jim reported there was no mail

**Treasurer & Membership:** Jim reported that there was incomings of \$121 and outgoings of \$124. There will be outgoings of approx. \$850 in January for annual meeting venue rent \$450, purchase of new screen \$200 and 50 new tags for the bird boxes \$200. Current bank balance is \$6029.20. Membership is 48 single and 29 family for a total of 106.

**Newsletter:** Audrey produced another great newsletter. It was circulated Dec. 31, 2017. The audience liked the special "Photo edition".

**Publicity:** Valerie. Another great job for the month with a special article in Optimist on the nights speaker. The Optimist expanded the submission when published in the online edition.

**Social:** Joanne/Jennifer/Armenie/Valerie. Good food at this meeting. Tom also thanked everyone for the special Christmas spread at the last meeting. The February meeting is organized with the providers already designated.

### **Environment Issues:**

1 Tom reported for Anne. a) *IOC Congress* nothing new. Anyone interested can check the website for tours which are mainly for scientists. There is a concurrent *Vancouver International Bird Festival* which is open to the public. b) *Delta Biodiversity Strategy*. Delta should be presenting the strategy in January.

2 Anita reported that B.C. Nature Conservation Committee is writing a letter to the provincial government urging them to end the *wolf cull*. It is their perception that the wolf cull is inherently cruel and unethical, and is accomplishing nothing in the interests of preservation of the southern mountain caribou. The influence of people through various activities such as building communities, roads, industries, have all fragmented the caribou habitat and the herd is so small that they will likely die off due to lack of genetic variety.

**BCN & Speakers:** Anita reported that the speaker at the February meeting is Laura Stewart. Topic is “Adventures in Northern Saskatchewan”

### **DNCB Activity since December 5 Meeting:**

Three outings and Ladner Christmas Bird Count since last meeting to: 1) Birds on the Bay in BBRP, 2) Pt. Roberts, 3) Ladner CBC, and 4) Reifel (this morning).

Check DNCB Blog at: [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com) for reports and photos. Note new Outing Destination List for 2018. Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Next outing will be on Tuesday 9 January and is White Rock Pier and Black Spit.

### **Other Activity since Dec. 5 meeting:**

- 1) Sat. Dec. 9, BBPA Invasive Plant Removal in BBRP, 10:00 am.
- 2) Tues. Dec. 19, DNS Executive meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 3) Sat. Dec. 30, White Rock/Surrey CBC

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

- 1) Fri. Jan. 12, BBPA meeting at CH, 10:00 am.
- 2) Tues. Jan. 23, DNS Executive meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 3) Sat. Feb. 17, DNS Display for Heritage Week at Harris Barn, 10:00-4:00 pm.
- 4) Sat. Feb. 24, DNS Display for Heritage Week, Sunbury Hall, 10:00-4:00 pm.

### **Other Issues discussed:**

- 1) New Screen for presentations. Tom showed everyone the new screen. Thanked Paul Rennie for leading this initiative.
- 2) Report on Christmas Bird Counts. The Ladner bird count had 139 different birds. Victoria count was 144
- 3) *Display*, **Volunteers needed for Heritage Week events** (Terry). [see 3 and 4 above]
- 4) *DNS Bird Box Team report*, Chris reported that he and Jim had produced 12 Tree Swallow boxes for Jim's recycled kitchen cabinets.
- 5) B.C. Nature AGM is at UBC in May 10th-13th. Tom encouraged people to attend.

**50/50 Draw** was won by long term member, John Hatfield, who donated his winnings to DNS. Thank you John!

**8:15 pm Speaker: David Scott of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation** presented on Salmon of the Lower Fraser River and estuary. David made an excellent factual presentation on the issues facing the salmon in the lower Fraser and the research and lobbying that he and Raincoast Conservation Foundation are doing on the threats to the salmon of the Lower Fraser River and estuary. The group was very interested in the topic and he fielded numerous questions. A job well done.

**9:45 pm** Meeting adjourned. **Next meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.** Presenter to be Laura Stewart “Adventures in Northern Saskatchewan”