



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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DNS MONTHLY MEETING

November 1, 2016

Welcome: Elizabeth Perrin, Vice President of Delta Nats greeted the attendees, asked visitors to identify themselves and introduced the Executive members as well as other volunteers who help to make this organization work.

Minutes: Valerie Fuller moved that the minutes of October 4, 2016 be accepted; Roger Meyer seconded her motion. The minutes were accepted.

Mail: Jim Kneesch reported that some membership renewals had been received in the mail.

Treasurer & Membership: Jim Kneesch also reported on membership numbers. To date 47 individual memberships had been paid and 21 family memberships, for a total of 68.

Deposits for the month of October totaled \$1,459.22; \$80 in honoraria was paid. Both October speakers donated their honoraria to the Delta Naturalists. Our current bank balance is \$5076.10.

Newsletter: Elizabeth commended Audrey on the November edition. Audrey reminded members that articles and news are always welcomed for the newsletters.

Publicity: Valerie Fuller reported that all is well with regard to P.R.

Social: Elizabeth thanked Carol Rennie and Armene for organizing the evening's coffee, tea, and goodies. She also thanked the "goodie" providers. This evening, they were Valerie Fuller, Marilyn King, Jean Hacker, and Armene Belless. A sign-up sheet for the December meeting celebration goodies was circulated.

Environment Issues: Jim Ronback had been away so did not report on issues. Anita reported on a recent Council of Canadians' organized meeting in Ladner which she had attended. The meeting featured a three member panel speaking about the downfalls of the proposed Bridge to replace the tunnel. More information will be provided in a report which she will submit for the December newsletter.

BCN & Speakers: Ursula reported that Anita den Dikken will be the December speaker. Her topic will be on the animals of the Brazilian Pantanal and the Galapagos.

Display Committee: No report as no displays have been held recently.

Archives Committee: Geof reported that this committee is currently "in hibernation".

Activity since Oct. 4 Meeting:

Four DNCB outings since Oct. 4 meeting to: 1) Iona 2) Brunswick Point 3) Reifel with Pender Island Naturalists 4) Nov. 1 Point Roberts. Check out Outing Reports, and photos, on our DNCB Blog at: www.dncb.wordpress.com. Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. See website for Future DNCB Destination List. Elizabeth thanked Roger Meyer for writing up blogs in Tom's absence. She also pointed out that Jack McDonald had guided the Pender Island Naturalists to Brunswick Point following their outing to Reifel Bird Sanctuary.

Other Activity Reports since Oct. 4 meeting:

- 1) Thurs. Oct. 6, Bird Box Cleaning, BBRP & Earthwise, 9:30 am.
- 2) Fri. Oct. 7, BBPA meeting at CH, 10:00 am
- 3) Wed. Oct. 5, Presentation by BCIT on Invasive Species in BBRP, Cammidge House, 7:30 pm.
- 4) Sat. Oct 22 Invasive Species removal in Boundary Bay Regional Park with BBPA, part of Metro Vancouver's Ecoblitz. This was not well attended. In the future, BBPA will have someone to recruit and coordinate volunteers.
- 5) Tues. Oct. 25 Delta Nats hosted Pender Island Naturalists Club on outing to Reifel .

Future Meetings/Events:

Fri. Nov. 5th - BBPA Meeting & AGM - 10 am, Cammidge House

Mon .Nov. 14 The Delta Nats. Executive will have a meeting with Lydia Elder, the Executive Director of the Tsawwassen Business Improvement Association. Nicki Brockamp will be at the meeting to discuss what the Delta's Birds & Biodiversity Strategy Committee has done.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss with Lydia how the BIA can improve the visibility of South Delta as a birding destination. Other issues may also arise.

Other Issues for Discussion: Kathy, a visitor from Point Roberts, reported that on Halloween night, she had witnessed snow geese at Southlands being harassed and driven off the property.

Sightings & 50/50: Valerie Fuller entertained us with her accounts of visiting wood ducks who show up on her property each year at apple harvest time. Flickers and squirrels compete with them for the ripe apples on the trees.

Valerie Fuller won the 50/50 draw this time.

SPEAKER: Elizabeth introduced David Hoar who with the aid of Noreen Rudd delivered a fascinating presentation on “Greenland to Cambridge Bay: Transiting the Eastern Arctic”.

They were passengers on board a Russian vessel, one of the Akademiks vessels, which ferry scientists doing research on the Arctic in the summer and the Antarctic in the winter. Essentially, this trip followed in the footsteps of the Franklin expedition in the 1850's.

Next meeting: on Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. at Benediction Lutheran Church with Anita Den Dikken presenting on “Wildlife of the Brazilian Pantanal and the Galapagos”.