



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

September 9, 2013, 7:30, Cammidge House, Delta, B. C.

President, Tom Bearss welcomed the full house of attendees and **introduced the executive present:** Jim Ronback, vice-President and Director; Mary Ronback, Newsletter Editor and Director; Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Treasurer/Membership and Director; Annie Kaps, Secretary and Director; Marilynn King, Co-Chair Social and Director; Lorraine Mwenifumbo, Co-Chair Social and Director. Also present were Jonathan Mwenifumbo, technical support and Terry Carr, co-ordinator of Delta Nats' displays. **Absent** were: Ursula Easterbrook, BCN Director, Speaker Co-ordinator and Director; Hans-Ulf Schellhase, Member-at-Large and Director; Judy Kilcup, Environmental Chair; Valerie Fuller, Publicity Chair; Ken Borrie, Webmaster; Geof Hacker Archivist and monthly poster artist.

Elizabeth Perrin moved, seconded by Jennifer Melville-Roberts, for **approval of the Minutes of June 10, 2013 General Meeting** (as published in the Newsletter). Passed. Tom Bearss noted that the draft AGM June 10, 2013, Minutes will be approval at next AGM. These AGM minutes and President's Report were both attached to Newsletter message to members. They are on our Blog [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com).

### Annual General Meetings

Tom mentioned that the executive is reviewing possibility of moving **AGN-AGM** to October from traditional June, making it more relevant in relation to possible to satisfy a legal requirement to submit a report within 30 days after an AGM that occurred within 6 months after –the fiscal year end of August 31.

**Executive Meeting Minutes of Aug. 27, 2013**, as recorded by Secretary Annie Kaps, were tabled.

**Mail:** Hans-Ulf Schellhase, who is absent due to his recovering from surgery, had gone to mailbox and passed on the mail to Jennifer Melville-Roberts (new membership application and newsletter from Wildlife Trust). Tom reported his having received the following mail:

- Thank you letter from the Delta Museum and Archives Society for participation in Canada Day Celebrations.
- Thank you letter from Metro Vancouver for participation in –2013 Special Parks Forum.
- Email from the Metro Vancouver's Community Development Co-ordinator, Metropolitan Planning, Environment and Parks, announcing that, after 24 years' service, Mitch Sokalski, Parks West Manager is moving to Head office. Tom shall call Mr. Sokalski and invite him to attend a Delta Nats meeting.
- Email from Bruce Cousens reporting on Purple Martins: Reifel, thanking Delta Nats for help (two pairs); Iona (adult and juvenile mortality); Blackie's Spit.

Jennifer Melville-Roberts, **Treasurer & Membership** advised that

- memberships for the fiscal year September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014 (\$30 single; \$40 family) are due

- and that she will be renewing these during refreshment break;
- there is \$3534.88 in the Delta Nats' Bank Account and that, recently, \$250 was donated to OWL and \$250 was spent on the Barn Owl Box;
- OWL 2014 calendars, featuring faces of "their" owls are being offered for sale at \$10 each, and they are available from her and shall be publicized in the newsletter.

**Publicity:** Valerie fuller, Publicity Chair, has information in hand and Geof shall produce his usual excellent posters

**Social** (Lorraine/Marilynn): thanked were this month's goodie providers -Elizabeth Perrin, Shiela Yip and Greg Edwards. Tom also again thanked Pam/Jen for hosting the party on June 22.

**Archives:** Committee (Geof, Jennifer, Hans-Ulf) still ongoing. Discussion ensuing regarding format being utilized by Geof in filing of Delta Nats minutes for: executive, general, and annual general meetings. Ken Borrie has offered to assist regarding electronic filing.

### **Environment:**

- Jim Ronback introduced Steve Wolff who spoke on the proposed Point Roberts KRPI AM radio towers (five towers of 150 feet; 50,000 watts during the day and 50,000 watts at night). These were denied in Ferndale, WA, where the proposal was to boost the night broadcast from 10,000 to 50,000 watts. These towers are aimed at Canada, as the station's ~~focus-market~~ is ~~on an ethnic~~ the South Asian population in BC. Brochures provided listed important contact information and attendees were urged to spend some time in getting in touch. Immediate advocating is necessary as there is a very little time frame in which these can be received-
  - Steve donated "Point Roberts Resources Directory 2013-14" to the Delta Nats
- Due to the length of this presentation, extensive updates were not given on:
- VAPOR is still suspended - by Jim;
  - Farmland Protection by Marilyn;
  - Cosmetic Pesticides (Judy, absent; however, she and Debra Jones are meeting on Friday);
  - Surrey/Delta Coal Awareness Town Hall Meeting presentation by Dr. Frank James, MD, September 11/13 at 7:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran, 11040 River Road, Delta (Coal Trains' dust and impact on schools);
  - Log removal at port (more than flagged logs removed by excavators).

### **B.C. Nature & Speakers:**

- Tom & Annie K ~~at will attend~~ BCN/FGM Sept. 19-22 in Cranbrook. Annie representing DNS as ~~a~~ Director.
- Speakers: for Sept. (Anne Murray on her 2013 trip to Mongolia); Oct. (Ross Vennesland on Herons); Nov. (Ron Long on Modibia-Namibia and Botswana) organized.

### **Delta Nats Casual Birders (DNCB) Outings since June 10 AGM;**

- June 12 to Pitt Lake,
- June 19 to Iona,
- June 26 to Minnekhada,
- July 3 to Lighthouse Park in West Van,
- July 10 to Alaksen/Reifel,

- July 17 to Hi Knoll Park in Surrey,
- July 24 Gulf Island Ferry outing,
- July 31 to Cypress Mountain,
- Aug. 7 to Serpentine Fen,
- Aug. 14 to Deer Lake in Surrey,
- Aug. 21 to Manning Park.
- Aug. 28 to Blackie's Spit

#### **Other:**

- 1) Display Reports: Pancake Breakfast, June 16; Canada Day in Ladner (see mail report re thank you letter received); Starry Night, Aug. 17; Richmond Raptor Festival, Aug. 18
- 2) Future Display events (Day at the Farm, Sept. 7).
- 3) June 12, Metro Van "Special Parks Forum" BBRP outing/dinner at CH. (Tom participated, see letter)
- 4) DN Executive Aquarium Tour on June 14.
- 5) Car Boot Sales: six done, two to go in Sept.
- 6) Justin Peter's Presentation on Galapagos, July 9.
- 7) July 19, met with Kristin Bishop re Delta as a tourist birding destination. Tom and Anne Murray are attending the next meeting Tuesday, September 10
- 8) July 27, Bird Watching Cruise in San Juan Islands.
- 9) Aug. 6, met with Peter Ward/Ken Hall for hand-over of new Barn Owl Box. Metro Vancouver's Markus Merkens to advise date and place in BBRP of installation.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Birds on the Bay (BOTB) on Wednesday, Sept. 11 & Wednesday, Dec. 11;
- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Mt. Baker outing was cancelled and, hopefully, shall be rescheduled by Terry.
- Mon. Sept. 16 PUMA Bird Box tour at Reifel
- Sept 16 or 18 DNCB outing to Mt. Baker (Terry Carr)
- Sept. 19-22 BCN FGM in Cranbrook (Tom & Annie)
- Wed. Sept. 25 DNCB to Derby Reach (Al Schulze)
- Sat. Sept. 28 Car Boot Sale (last)
- Mon. Sept. 30 Nats Executive Meeting
- Mon. Oct. 13 Nats Monthly Meeting
- Wed. Nov. 20 John Neville Presentation on Raptors of Canada.

See **Reports and Photos** on all the above-mentioned DNCB outings, Display events, Galapagos Presentation, Aquarium Tour and Pam/Jen Party on our Blog at: [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com).

| **Sightings:** ~~S~~shelducks (escaped birds); band-tail pigeons; river otter; sea otter (Bamfield)

**50/50:** Shiela Yip

| ~~-~~Anne Murray was introduced ~~-~~and presented on her 2013 trip to ~~-~~Mongolia.

**Recorded by:** Annie Kaps