

## Delta Naturalists' Society

## Executive Meeting

November 17, 2015

The meeting was held at Tom Bearss' home. Also present were: Jim Kneesch, Elizabeth Perrin, Jim Ronback, Ursula Easterbrook and Hans-Ulf Schellhase. Anita den Dikken was still on vacation.

As Hans is now in a position to rejoin the Executive, it was proposed that he be appointed as a Director at Large. (moved by Jim R., seconded by Ursula, all in favour)

Minutes of the last Executive meeting were approved (moved by Elizabeth, seconded by Jim. R.)

Draft minutes of the AGM were okayed for tabling at the next AGM.

Hans had two pieces of mail. In addition to her membership fee, Kathy Ellwood sent a cheque for \$1,500 toward the purchase of a new scope. The Luytens also sent a cheque to pay for their family DNS membership.

Jim K. provided a financial statement for October showing a bank balance of \$4,173.74 and will provide monthly statements in future. He also tabled a 2015/16 budget which was discussed and accepted (moved Jim R., seconded, Elizabeth). It will be tabled for approval by members at the December 1 meeting.

Jim K. advised that he has filed with BC Registry for both 2014 and 2015 as the former had not been done. There has been much discussion regarding membership fees. Jim K. provided information summarizing our membership and how it relates to BC Nature and put forward proposals for handling new memberships. After review of this information and further discussion Executive approved the following:

- Members must pay by December 15 (Jim R. will send a reminder to that effect) to be included on the list provided to BC Nature to establish our annual BC Nature membership fees. Only paid up members will receive the BC Nature magazine and be covered by BC Nature liability insurance.
- A list of paid-up members will be posted to the website in the "members only" section and will include contact information only.
- New members joining between September 1<sup>st</sup> and the end of February will pay full membership fee.
- New members joining between 1st March and end of August will pay \$25 for a family membership and \$20 for an individual.

The Executive also approved the concept of membership cards which will represent proof of payment of fees. Receipts will only be issued on request. Jim K. will provide mock-ups for discussion and approval. The cards will include our logo and blanks for members name and expiry date.

There was a brief discussion of preparations for the December 1 meeting and Christmas party and Jim R. has agreed to bring beverages.

On the Environment front, Jim R. advised that KRPI does not intend to appeal the court's decision regarding the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed radio towers in Point Roberts. Only after the appeal deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> November, can we breathe sigh of relief. The FCC decision on our Petition to Deny the renewal of their licence is still pending.

Ursula advised that speakers have been confirmed for January, February and March. January's speaker is Dov Lank, SFU Biologist who will speak on ruffs.

Other items discussed were:

- Barn Owl Event – November 21 at 2:00 at Earthwise Gardens. Jim R. will send a reminder encouraging Delta Nats members to attend.
- Delta Nats Brochure – A revised version was tabled and discussed. As the membership fee is less for members of clubs affiliated with BC Nature, the membership application portion will be changed to reflect this. Jim K. will liaise with the “bird committee” who are also handling the revised brochure.
- Birds in Delta Brochure – We have run out of copies of this very popular brochure but lack funding to print more. Tom will ask the “bird committee” to look into possible funding sources.
- Ursula expressed concern regarding a tree with an eagle's nest near Beach Grove Park which may be damaged by invasive ivy. She would like to see a work party formed to remove it. Jim R. will look at the tree to see what will be required and a work party will be set up, if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned and it was decided that no Executive meeting would be required prior to the January general meeting.