



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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MINUTES OF DNS MONTHLY MEETING

December 5, 2017

7:30 pm Welcome: Tom introduced DNS Executive (Elizabeth, Anita, Jim, Syd and Chris in Arizona) and welcomed Visitors and a few health-challenged members happily in attendance. He explained the special Christmas meeting format. Mike Betts ran the ongoing 50/50.

7:35 pm. Tom introduced Felix Martinez of the South Coast Bat Action Team and his Presentation on Bats and their Contribution to our Ecosystem. It was a very informative and interesting presentation. The packed house of over 50 attendees enjoyed it immensely.

8:45 pm. Tom thanked Felix, and presented him with Geof's "original" Poster and the Honorarium, then started the regular and formal monthly meeting.

Minutes: Moved by Jim Ronback and seconded by Valerie Fuller to approve Elizabeth's November 7 draft meeting Minutes that were circulated earlier to members.

Mail: Jim reported no mail.

Treasurer & Membership: Jim reported that our Bank balance is \$6032.15 and we have 104 total single & family members. He accepted two new members tonight and dues from several returnee members.

Newsletter: Audrey's brilliant December Newsletter was inadvertently circulated late (by Tom today at 5:00 pm), but many had already read and enjoyed it.

Publicity: Valerie has done a super job with advertising and promoting our meetings.

Social: Tom thanked Joanne and her Social Team of Jennifer, Valerie and Armene (currently recovering from knee surgery), and Patrick, for their much appreciated work handling all the social amenities of our monthly meetings and other events. Joanne also thanked all the members who brought such a wide and delicious variety of "goodies" for us all to enjoy this festive evening. She also circulated the Sign-up List for members to bring goodies to future meetings.

Environment Issues: Anne Murray offered, in the interest of time to party, that she would prepare and circulate reports on three issues of importance to DNS members: 1) the International Ornithological Congress (IOC 2018) in Vancouver next August, 2) BC

Nature Conservation Committee meetings and workshops, and 3) the status of the Delta Bird and Biodiversity Strategy and Delta Corp's recent draft document.

BCN & Speakers: Anita noted that our Speaker at the January 2nd monthly meeting will be David Scott of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation presenting on Salmon of the Lower Fraser River and estuary.

Activity since November 7 Meeting: Tom mentioned the four "rainy" outings since last meeting to: 1) Stanley Park, 2) Iona RP, 3) Burnaby Lake Park, 4) Blaine & Semiahmoo Park, Washington (this morning). He advised members to check our DNCB Blog at: www.dncb.wordpress.com for reports and photos. Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings

Other Activity Reports since Nov. 7 meeting: Tom mentioned these five events/activities:

- 1) Thurs. Nov. 9, Barn Owl Box installation at Kings Links, 9:30 am. (Jim Kneesch added that our Bird Box Team of Peter Ward, Chris McVittie, Jack MacDonald and himself were planning to build and install more Barn Owl boxes in January 2018.)
- 2) Fri. Nov. 10, BBPA monthly meeting at CH, 10:00 am.
- 3) Thurs. Nov. 30, Opening Lookout at Willband Creek Park, Abbotsford (Tom attended representing BC Naturalists' Foundation).
- 4) Fri. Dec. 1, BBPA Potluck Christmas at CH, Noon-2:00 pm. (many Nats participated)
- 5) Sun. Dec. 3, Santa at Cammidge House, 1:00-3:00 pm (Tom reported it was a wonderful event with over 80 kids and adults attending)

Future Meetings/Events: Tom mentioned the following:

- 1) Wed. Dec. 13, Birds on the Bay outing, CH, 9:00-11:30 am.
- 2) Tues. Dec. 19, DNS Exec meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 3) Sat. Dec. 23, Ladner Christmas Bird Count (seeking volunteers to meet at Petra's at 8:00 am).
- 4) Fri. Jan. 12, BBPA meeting at CH, 10:00 am.

8:50 pm. Tom adjourned the meeting and the festivities began, and continued to 9:50 pm.

50/50 Draw: Angela Burnett won and donated the winnings back to DNS.

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 7:30 p.m., with David Scott of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation presenting on Salmon of the Lower Fraser River and estuary.

9:45 pm Clean-up began and members left smiling. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.