



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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MINUTES FOR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING October 14, 2013

Welcome: (Tom Bearss) The President introduced Executive and Visitors. The President appealed to potential candidates to volunteer for the job of Editor of the Delta Naturalists' Newsletter, replacing retiring Mary Ronback.

Previous Minutes: Jonathan motioned and Jim seconded to approve the Minutes for the September 9 General Meeting. Motion passed. Hans' Draft Executive Minutes of September 30th meeting were tabled.

Note: To meet timing legalities as directed by BC Nature, there will a brief AGM and "re-election" of the Nats Executive at the November 11 monthly meeting.

Secretary: (Hans) while Anne K is absent.

Mail: (Hans/Jennifer) There was a financial Government Form for the treasurer, and the receipt of membership fees from 4 (four) club members (4 x \$30).

Treasurer / Membership: (Jennifer) – Annual Membership Fee is now due.

Newsletter: (Mary) Mary reported on OWL Calendars. Mary is "retiring"; there is an opening for a Newsletter Editor.

Publicity: (Val) reported No Issues!

Social: (Lorraine/Marilynn) Thank to this month's goodie providers: Names? . List of Goodie Providers at future meetings is filled.

Environment Issues: (Jim/Val)

(1) VAPOR: Jim reports a break in activities, a Christmas Break.

(2) The BBC (US) got approval for four radio towers, 50,000 watts to be erected close to the border on land in Point Roberts. There is a meeting of opponents on the 23rd of October in South Delta Secondary School.

(3) Terminal 2 Project: The container and coal port at Roberts Bank is expanding. The concept of Habitat Banking is introduced and practiced by the Port Authorities.

Opponents describe the concept as outright silly.

Comments can be submitted at the following web-sites:

www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

www.eao.gov.bc.ca

(4) Cosmetic Pesticides: Val observed the application and effects of pesticides first hand. Pesticides were applied on a farm field across from the slew where Val has her home. The smell and taste of the pesticide were noticed in Val's home and plants died in short order in her yard!

Archives: Geof and his Committee of Jennifer, Joyce, and Hans have begun studying our archival needs, commitments and Storage. They will meet again mid-November and Hans will report on progress.

BCN & Speakers: (Ursula) Ursula is still away. Tom and Annie Kaps participated in BC Nature FGM in Cranbrook, Sept. 19 - 22 (see Agendas/Report tabled). Speakers for November (Ron Long) & December (Danny Kent) are organized. Tom will participate in BC Naturalists' Foundation Directors meeting on November 18 at BC Nature Office.

DNCB's:

Tom: - More than 30 participants in our quarterly Birds-on-the-Bay outing in BBRP on Wed. September 11.

- Five DNCB Outings since Sept. 9 meeting (Sept. 18 to Point Roberts, USA; Sept. 25 to Derby Reach Park; Sept 30 to Tsaw, Ferry Port & Alaksen; Oct. 7 to Iona Regional Park; Oct. 14 to Boundary Bay & North Forty Park)

Note: Change from Wednesday to Mondays for DNCB outings; check Blog for future destinations.

Other Activity Reports since September meeting:

- 1) Oct. 8: Installed Delta Nats Barn Owl nest box in North Forty Park. Report on Blog.
- 2) Oct. 8: Examined and cleaned Delta Nats Nesting Boxes at BBRP. Report on Blog.
- 3) Oct. 4: Tom met with MV's Markus Merkens who advised that date and place in BBRP of installation of our "new" Barn Owl Box will be "soon".

--- See Reports and Photos on all the above-mentioned DNCB outings and "work" programs on our Blog at: www.dncb.wordpress.com

Other Meetings/Events:

- 1) Tuesday Sept. 10 Delta Tourism Committee meeting, Tom and Anne Murray participated.
- 2) Sat. Sept. 14 Car Boot Sale: very successful season.
- 3) Mon. Sept. 16 PUMA (Purple Martin) Bird Box tour at Reifel (Tom); Nats involved in future.
- 4) Sat. Sept. 28 Car Boot Sale (last cancelled, rain)
- 5) Mon. Sept. 30 Nats Executive Meeting
- 6) Fri. Oct. 4 BBPA (Boundary Bay Park Association aka Cammidge House Committee) meeting; Tom and other Nats participated.
- 7) Thu. Oct. 10 Terminal 2 Project meeting; Tom & Jim participated.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Wed. Oct.23 Cammidge House 100th Anniversary meeting
- 2) Mon. Oct. 28 – Nats Executive Meeting
- 3) Fri. Nov.1 BBPA (CHC) meeting
- 4) Mon. Nov.11 Nats. Monthly meeting
- 5) Mon. Nov.18 BC Naturalists` Foundation meeting; Tom
- 6) Wed. Nov.20 John Neville Presentation on Raptors of Canada
- 7) Fri. Dec.6 BBPA/CHC meeting
- 8) Sun.Dec.8 Santa at Cammidge House
- 9) Wed.Dec.11 Birds on the Bay outing

*Sell 50/50, Break, Intro Speaker:

Introduced Ross Vennesland and his talk on: Great Blue Herons, Species at Risk.