

DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2014 General Meeting

WELCOME: Tom introduced the executive, welcomed visitors, and commended Geoff for his craftsmanship in preparing the poster for this month's speaker.

MINUTES: The minutes of September 8, 2014 were approved, after Jim Ronback so moved and Valerie Fuller seconded.

MAIL: There was no mail to report on.

TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP:

Our year-end account balance was reported as \$2756. The executive recommended that annual membership fees for the coming year be \$35 for single and \$45 for double. Some discussion ensued on the amounts and the intended effective date. The new rates were voted on, accepted, and became effective October 13, 2014.

NEWSLETTER: Tom commended Susan for her excellent job in doing the monthly newsletter. As Susan is stepping down from this role, a new volunteer is needed. No volunteers came forward at the meeting.

Publicity: Val reported that all is well. Meetings are being advertised through various media.

SOCIAL:

Meeting participants consumed the goodies with gusto.

ENVIRONMENT: Several issues were discussed:

- Jim Ronback reported that he is making a presentation to the CRTC in their hearing to determine if KRPI is in contravention of the Canadian Broadcasting Act. This is with respect to their broadcasts from the USA to a Canadian audience. KRPI does not have a Canadian licence.

- Jim: VAPOR has launched a judicial review of the environmental review process used by the BC EAO to grant an Environmental Certificate to proceed with the jet fuel facility project on the banks of the Fraser River.
- Anne Murray: Port Metro Vancouver has held “consultations” with the public on the environmental mitigations for the DeltaPort Terminal 2. Naturalists should become educated on this issue and join in the public process as this area is extremely important habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife on which the Port expansion would have significant impacts. Port Metro’s projections for the expansion of trade by shipping are suspect and their plans for environmental mitigation are inadequate. Ursula Easterbrook asked if Anne could provide a sample letter to the Port which members could use as a base for their comments.
- Anne and Marilyn also mentioned that the Delta Naturalists’ Society’s proposed changes to the Delta Tree Cutting Bylaw will be the subject of a Council workshop. Lynn Moses has requested a date of Monday, December 15th. More details to come.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

BCN & SPEAKERS: Both Ursula and Tom reported on the meeting in Salmon Arm and the coming 2015 AGM on SaltSpring Island.

ACTIVITY SINCE LAST MONTHLY MEETING:

Tom reported that Cammidge House made approximately \$2500 from the car boot sales.

Elizabeth reported that the Cammidge House 100th anniversary celebration went very well.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Next executive meeting is at the home of Ursula on October 27th at 7:30 P.M. This has since been changed to the home of Anita den Dikken at the same time.

Volunteers are sought to clean bird boxes in Boundary Bay Reg. Park.

DELTA NATS. AGM: conducted and reported on separately by Jim Ronback.

NEW EXECUTIVE FOR 2014/15:

Ursula Easterbrook

Tom Bearss

Hans-Ulf Schellhase

Jim Ronback

Annie Kaps

Anita den Dikken

GRAHAM SUNDERLAND gave a fascinating presentation on the Falkland Islands. This covered not only flora and fauna but also some of the historic highlights. Graham was a nature presenter on Holland America cruise lines in his working life.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Presenter will be David Bradbeer, YVR's Wildlife Management Program.