



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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DNS MONTHLY MEETING

October 3, 2017

Welcome: Tom introduced the current executive. He also welcomed visitors Lucy, and Henk.

Minutes: David Hoar motioned approval of the draft minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting; Jennifer Melville-Roberts seconded the motion. Approved by those present.

Mail: Jim Kneesch reported that most of the mail received pertained to membership renewals. One piece of mail was received from CRA.

Treasurer & Membership: Our balance effective September 30, 2017 was \$5092.30. Memberships effective that date stood at 19 family and 32 single for a total of 51.

Newsletter: Audrey was again congratulated for the excellent October 2017 newsletter which she edited. She responded by encouraging members to send news articles pertaining to nature, to her

Publicity: Valerie Fuller indicated that there have been no problems with p.r. Due to lack of information, Geof did not design his usual innovative poster for this month's presentation.

Social: Joanne/Jennifer/Armene/Valerie. This month's goodie providers were Viviane Barber, Rochelle and Don Farquhar, Astrid Duemichen, and Joyce Manary.

Environment Issues: Anita provided information on several initiatives of the Conservation Committee of B. C. Nature. These included concerns expressed by BC Nature with the provincial government on:

- the plight of the Woodland/Mountain Caribou,
- the grizzly bear situation
- illegal salmon deterrents placed in streams by Kinder Morgan

and information of a demonstration against the Site C dam, lead by the Wilderness Committee, to be held in Vancouver on October 5th. Info provided by Audrey Coutts.

Anita also referred the audience to a letter by Susan Jones in the Letters to the Editor section of the Sept. 29th South Delta Optimist. This well researched letter exposed weaknesses in the Liberal Government's plan to build a bridge crossing to replace the Massey Tunnel.

International Ornithological Conference, Vancouver, August 2018

Anne Murray informed members of the August 24th field trip day for delegates to this conference. Numerous field trips are planned, including four tours in Delta. Two will go to Westham Island - the Reifel Bird Sanctuary and Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust; the leaders will be Kathleen Fry and Drew Bondar. One will go to Deas Island, the heronry on Tsawwassen First Nation land, and Brunswick Point. Leaders of these ones include Anne Murray, Mark Drever, and Ross Vennesland and possibly TFN members. The fourth one will go to the Boundary Bay dikes, the Boundary Bay Regional Park and OWL. Robyn Worcester will lead that tour with help from Tom Bearss, DNS members, OWL staff and the Boundary Bay Park Association.

Anne is overseeing the organization of these tours; members of our club are asked to volunteer as assistants for roles such as ensuring that any stragglers keep up with the group, and as drivers if any tour members need to leave early. If you can volunteer, please contact Anne.

BCN & Speakers: Anita advised that a member of the South Coast Bat Society would be the November speaker and Anne Murray would do the December presentation. Tom Bearss gave a summary of the Vernon Fall General Meeting which Anne Murray and he attended in September.

Anita and Tom also provided a brief account of a meeting held at Cammidge House on September 7th, involving many organizations, all concerned about the present and future of the Fraser River Basin.

Activity since Sept. 5 Meeting:

Five outings since last meeting to: 1) Mt. Baker, 2) Birds on the Bay in BBRP, 3) White Rock & Blackie Spit, 4) Squamish estuary, and 5) Derby Reach & Brae Island Regional Parks. Check DNCB Blog at: www.dncb.wordpress.com for reports and photos. Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays beginning in October.

Other Activity Reports since Oct. 6 meeting:

- 1) Thur. Sept. 7, Bird Studies Canada, Conserving the Fraser Estuary conference, Cammidge House, 1:00-4:30 pm (Anne, Chris, Anita, Tom attended).
- 2) Fri. Sept. 8, First 2017/18 BBPA meeting, CH, 10:00 am.
- 3) Sat. Sept. 9, Last Car Boot Sale, Centennial Beach, 8:00 am-Noon.
- 4) Sat. Sept. 9, Day at the Farm, Westham Island, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- 5) Sun. Sept. 10, Metro Vancouver Boat Cruise on Fraser, 10:00 am.
- 6) Tues. Sept. 12, Bird Box Examination/Cleaning at BBRP, 12th Ave entrance, 9:30-Noon.
- 7) Wed. Sept. 13, Quarterly Birds on the Bay outing, Cammidge House, 9:00 am.
- 8) Mon. Sept. 18, DNS Executive meeting, Tom's home, 7:30 pm.
- 9) Thur. Sept. 21-Sun. Sept. 24, BC Nature Fall General Meeting, Vernon BC (Anne, Tom).

Future Meetings/Events:

- 1) Fri. Oct. 6 BBPA AGM
- 2) Thur. Oct. 12, Bird Box Examination/Cleaning at Kings Links Golf Course, 9:30-Noon.
- 3) Sun. Oct. 15, Friends Of Semiahmoo Bay's Appreciation Reception, Noon-4:00 pm, Semiahmoo F&G.
- 4) Mon. Oct. 30, DNS Executive meeting, at Tom Bearss' home, 7:30 pm.

Other Issues for Discussion:

Valerie Fuller provided information on a birding event to be held at Leavenworth, Washington state next year. The lead speaker will be David Sibley. She agreed to send the relevant details to Anita for distribution to our membership.

Close monthly meeting and Start AGM. Audrey moved that the monthly meeting be closed; Tom then commenced with the Annual General Meeting.

Following the AGM, Tom introduced Ken Hall and his Presentation on "Water in the Desert".

Next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1, 7:30 p.m. with a representative from the South Coast Bat Conservation Society presenting information on bats in this area.