



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, December 9, 2013, 7:30 p.m., Cammidge House

President Tom Bearss **welcomed** all to the December Christmas Social Meeting, **introduced executive** present and acknowledged absence of executive member, Ursula Easterbrook. Special welcome was extended to guest speaker, Danny Kent, his wife Anne, and Mr. & Mrs. Kent, his parents.

**Minutes of the November 11, 2013 General Meeting**, as circulated by Jim Ronback with the Newsletter, were moved for approval by Jennifer Melville-Roberts; seconded by Elizabeth Perrin; and passed.

**Executive Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2013**, as recorded by Annie Kaps, were tabled.

Tom Bearss noted that the **Draft AGM Minutes of November 11, 2013**, which Jim Ronback circulated, will be reviewed November 2014 at our next AGM.

Neither Hans-Ulf Schellhase nor Jennifer Melville-Roberts had any **mail**; however, Tom Bearss displayed the recently awarded certificate received by the Delta Naturalists Society from the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society.

Jennifer Melville-Roberts, treasurer, stated that there was **\$4,802.28 in the bank** and advised that some member's annual membership fees are over-due. Members who are not in good standing shall be dropped from list of those receiving the monthly Newsletter.

Editor Susan Burns' first **Newsletter** was excellent. She is looking for articles to publish.

**Publicity:** Valerie Fuller (in hand), Geof's Poster of to-night's speaker (Danny Kent) shown to audience. Valerie Fuller is always interested in receiving copies of publicity notices.

**Social Convenors**, Lorraine Mnwenifumbo and Marilyn King beautifully arranged to-night's Christmas /General Meeting "kitchen". Thanks to them and this month's "many" goodie providers: Anne Avery and Ken Borrie, Susan Burns, Mary Paterson, Dorothy Graham, Jonathan Mnwenifumbo, Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Greg Edwards and B. Richerts; (also, others who spontaneously contributed!).

### **Environment:**

(1) Jim Ronback updated on his ongoing involvement with:

- 1) VAPOR;
- 2) Radio Towers in Point Roberts--rally Sunday at Border;
- 3) Port Metro Vancouver submission for Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.

(2) Marilyn King advised that there was nothing new to report on Cosmetic Pesticides and Farmland Protection.

**Archivist**, Geof Hacker, and his Committee of Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Joyce Manary and Hans-Ulf Schellhase have begun studying our archival needs, commitments and storage. They are hopeful that a comprehensive report can be made at next month's meeting.

Ursula Easterbrook has our slate of **2014 Speakers** well in hand.

Tom participated in **BC Naturalists'** Foundation Directors' meeting on November 18, 2013, at the BC Nature office. Tom is on the selection committee overseeing the awarding of grants for club projects.

Tom Bearss reported that there have been three **Delta Naturalists' Casual Birders (DNCB)** outings since November 11 meeting:

- Nov. 18 to Tsawwassen Ferry and Container Ports
- Nov. 25 to Serpentine Fen
- Dec. 2 to Cates Park and other Parks in North Vancouver

Note: next **BOTB (Birds on the Bay)** outing is Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Cammidge House.

Check for future destinations and see **Reports and Photos** on all the DNCB outings on our Blog at: [www.dncb.wordpress.com](http://www.dncb.wordpress.com).

#### **Other Meetings/Events:**

- 1) Mon. Nov. 18 - BC Naturalists' Foundation meeting
- 2) Wed. Nov. 20 - John Neville Presentation on Raptors of Canada.
- 3) Mon. Nov. 25 - Delta Nats Executive Meeting
- 4) Wed. Nov. 27 - Delta Museum & Archives meeting
- 5) Fri. Nov. 29 - Metro Vancouver Website Training, Barber Learning Centre
- 6) Fri. Dec. 6 - BBPA/CHC "potluck" meeting
- 7) Sun. Dec. 8 - Santa at Cammidge House

#### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- 1) Tues. Dec. 10 - Outing to Blaine with White Rock Surrey Naturalists.
- 2) Wed. Dec. 11 - Birds on the Bay outing.
- 3) Fri. Dec. 13 - Boundary Bay Park Association Meeting at Cammidge House.
- 4) Sun. Dec. 22 - Ladner Christmas Bird Count.
- 5) Mon. Jan. 13 - Delta Nats Monthly Meeting at Cammidge House
- 6) Mon. Jan. 27 - Delta Nats Executive Meeting at Jennifer Melville-Roberts'

#### **Other Business**

- Mary Ronback advised that she has spoken to sister of our member Eleanor Coulter. Eleanor has been moved for rehab from St. Paul's to UBC.
- Jonathan and Lorraine Mwenifumbo have prepared a collage for signature and delivery to member Rick Wooley who is recovering from surgery.

## Comments:

- Jim Ronback cautioned that, with the present cold weather, **hummingbird feeders** may be freezing. He suggested (a) “sweetening” the mix, (b) installing insulation and a 1 watt LED light.
- Tom Bearss reported that the **Barn Owl Box** (mansion?) is expected to be installed on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and a trail shall be made to access this box which has an elaborate raising/lowering system. The “other” barn owl box has been installed in the North 40.
- Tom Bearss advised that the **Boundary Bay restoration** ongoing project is presently seeing designated dune walk paths installed.
- **RAPP** (report all poachers and polluters) is where any wildlife harassment should be reported; i.e., snowy owls

**Sightings:** Red Breasted Sapsuckers, Kestrels, Tundra Swans, Long-eared and short-eared owls, snowy owls.

The awarding of **Door prizes** (OWL’s donation and two Vancouver Aquarium posters) and the **50/50 draw** followed.

Tom Bearss introduced **speaker Danny Kent and his Presentation on Marine Life of B.C.**

Recorded by Annie Kaps