

DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2015-03-09

WELCOME: Tom introduced the Executive, welcomed visitors including Armene Belless from Point Roberts (Cross-Border Towers Coalition) and Siegfried Petz (who joined Delta Nats. that evening.) Tom also thanked Geoff Hacker for his poster illustrating tonight's presentation.

MINUTES: Jim Ronback moved and Jennifer Melville-Roberts seconded that the meeting minutes of February 9, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

MAIL: None.

TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP: Our current bank balance is \$3031.79. We have 43 single and 22 double memberships.

NEWSLETTER: Tom expressed his appreciation to Audrey Coutts for the superb newsletter which she did. Audrey invited audience members to make newsletter submissions to her.

PUBLICITY: Valerie Fuller indicated that she needs ten days' notice of any Delta Nats events in order to prepare publicity in a timely manner.

SOCIAL: Tom thanked the goodie providers for tonight's treats. Lorraine explained the desired procedures for handling of coffee cups at our new venue. As we need to get the dishes through the dish washer, air dried, and put away before end of the meeting, attendees need to return their cups promptly to the kitchen after the coffee break. Members who like to drink their coffee slowly are encouraged to bring their own mugs.

ENVIRONMENT: Jim Ronback reported on the Radio towers issue in Point Roberts. BBC Inc., owner of KRPI 1550 AM, is appealing the Whatcom County Council decision supporting the Hearing Examiner's decision to reject the Conditional Use Permit application for Point Roberts because it exceeded 45 feet. This appeal will take place in the Superior Court in Skagit County.

VAPOR; the decision from the judicial review is expected to take several months.

ANNE MURRAY gave an update on the Bird Strategy Subcommittee. We will Co-operate with Delta Tourism. An idea is to review the best practices from Vancouver and Surrey, and to work on a report which will be given jointly by Delta Nats and Delta Tourism to Delta Council. The Vancouver Bird Strategy is on-line. Anne has volunteered to head the committee and will require three or four volunteers. To access the Vancouver website, google "Vancouver Bird Strategy".

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Please provide any archival material for DNS to Geof Hacker.

BCN & SPEAKERS: Tom and Ursula reminded members of the AGM on Saltspring Island on May 7th to May 10th. Members are encouraged to register and to attend. Ursula reported that Larry Cowan will be the April speaker. He will speak on his adventures in Peru.

NEW MEETING VENUE: Nothing new to report here.

We are now in our new leased premises which provide our members far more room than Cammidge House did.

ACTIVITY SINCE FEB. 9, 2015:

- Four weekly DNCB outings to Stanley Park, Blackie Spit & White Rock Pier, Point Roberts, and Beaty Museum at UBC on four consecutive Tuesday mornings. Outings will change to Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., effective April 1, 2015.
- Thursday, Feb. 19 – DNS Executive meeting.
- Sun., Feb. 22 – Heritage Day at Cammidge House 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Fri., Feb. 27 – clean/close bird boxes at BBRP, 9:30 AM – eight or so volunteers participated in this annual task
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Tom congratulated the organizers of Heritage Day at Cammidge House.

See our blog/website (<http://dncb.wordpress.com/>) for amazing reports and photos on DNS outings and events. Also, refer to the blog for info on future DNCB destinations.

FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS: See April Newsletter.

OTHER ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

- Other Events/Festivals: Wings Over Water in Blaine, WA., March 13 – 15
- Active Pass Festival – April 17 – 19th, Mayne Island – there will be a shuttle pickup so that attendees will not need to bring their own vehicles.
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SIGHTINGS: Valerie Fuller reported sighting a Bewick's Wren at Reifel.

PRESENTATION: Dudley Booth presented A JOURNEY TO THE STARS. This was a presentation of modern intersolar system travel as well as facts and images of the planets in our solar system, of our own Milky Way galaxy, and of other galaxies. He conveyed the immensity of our universe.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 PM at Benediction Lutheran Church at 6th Avenue & 56th Street, Tsawwassen. Larry Cowan presents his adventures in Peru.