



## DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Benediction Lutheran Church  
Tsawwassen, 7:30 p.m.

**Welcome:** Tom introduced the Executive and asked for a show of hands from visitors. He also asked for volunteers to learn the A.V. system from Jonathan. Several volunteers including Jim Ronback and Jim Kneesch, met with Jonathan later.

As well, Tom complimented Geof on his imaginative poster.

**MINUTES:** The draft minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Rob; Ursula seconded.

**MAIL:** All of the new mail was for memberships.

**TREASURER & MEMBERSHIPS:** The current bank balance is \$2704.42. It is less than last month because a new tent for the displays was purchased.

**NEWSLETTER:** Audrey requested that members keep sending her articles. Tom complimented Audrey on the quality of the newsletter.

**PUBLICITY:** Valerie reported that all is well.

**SOCIAL:** Lorraine thanked the goodie providers. The annual garden party and potluck dinner will take place on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. As usual, it will be held at the home of Jennifer and Pam Melville-Roberts, 4953 – 10A Avenue in Tsawwassen. Attendees are requested to bring their own lawn chairs, plates, cutlery, glasses/cups, and beverage of choice. Gifts with a value of less than \$10 will be brought anonymously for the gift exchange; these can be serious or bizarre. The rules of the gift exchange will be explained by Valerie Fuller at the event itself.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Jim gave an update on the Cross Border Coalition (radio towers dilemma).

The art and lifestyles auction will be held on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Harris barn. Ian Paton will be the auctioneer.

With regard to Port Metro Vancouver, members are encouraged to peruse the Environmental Report regarding Terminal 2, and to comment on it.

VAPOR: Still awaiting decision from the B. C. Supreme Court judge.

Terry Carr gave an update on the Birds of Delta brochure. The committee comprises Niki Brockamp, Marylile Martin, Judy Kilcup, Anne Murray, and of course, Terry. Members are asked to donate bird photos to this endeavour.

PEEP-IN: Due to many conflicting events, very few Delta Nats Members were able to attend. This event (to view migrating shorebirds) had been organized by APE and took place at Brunswick Point.

**Tony Mitra** gave a 10 minute presentation on the use and impacts of glyphosate (aka RoundUp) on our environment. The railway had sprayed glyphosate on the vegetation surrounding the railway tracks in White Rock. The U.N. has recently declared this chemical a probable carcinogen. Tony was meeting with Council members from both White Rock and Delta councils on this issue. He recommended a recent book by an American lawyer; the book is “ALTERED GENES, TWISTED TRUTH” by Steve Druker. Tony also mentioned a retired Canadian scientist, Dr. Thierry Vrain, who is outspoken about the harms of GMO foods.

Tony is a Delta Nats. Member.

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**Archives Committee:** Geof: Delta Museum & Archives is handling our DNS Archival material. Got any material for archiving? Give to Geof.

**BCN & Speakers:** Ursula. AGM on Salt Spring Island, May 7-10, 2015; to be reported on at the next meeting. Speakers' List update. In June, there will be an update on the AGM. The June speaker will be from UBC and his presentation will be on how birds fly.

**DNS Display Events:** Terry Carr /Marylile Martin  
Volunteers are needed for display events, including:

- Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Harris Barn
- Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mothers' Day Tea at Cammidge House

- Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Fathers' Day pancake breakfast at Centennial Beach
- Richmond Raptor Festival in August
- Delta Landfill Open House – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Birds-On-The-Bay outing - Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Cammidge House, 9 AM.
- Father's Day Pancake Breakfast at Centennial Beach, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Richmond Raptor Festival, Sunday, August 16, Richmond.

As well, the first Car Boot sale will be held at Boundary Bay Regional Park on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to noon.

### **Activity since April 7 Monthly Meeting:**

- 1) Four weekly Wednesday DNCB outings to Brydon & Hi-Knoll Parks, Drayton Harbour in Blaine USA, Brunswick Point, and Minnekhada Regional Park (See Blog Reports). Tomorrow's outing is to Serpentine Fen.
- 2) Fridays, April 10/May 1, BBPA meetings at CH.
- 3) Sun. April 19, Delta's Annual Fish Release & Bird Walk, Watershed Park (See Blog)
- 4) Sunday, April 19, Birds in Focus Workshop at CH (Ursula)
- 5) Sat. April 25, MV's Celebrating Partners, BBRP (several Nats participated)
- 6) Fri. May 1, Bird Box Examination and GPSing, BBRP, Earthwise, Kings Links & Tsatsu Shore (Tom, Pete, Terry).
- 7) Sat. May 2, Migratory Bird Day Presentations at TAC, (Ursula)
- 8) Barn Owl cam installed at Earthwise; also tree swallow boxes outside at Earthwise.

See our Blog/website (<http://dnxcb.wordpress.com/>) for amazing reports and photos on DNS outings and events. Also, check Blog for info on future DNCB destinations.

**SPEAKER:** As our scheduled speaker did not show up, Ursula treated us to a visual display and commentary on her recent drive, with Farley, across Canada.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 pm at Benediction Lutheran Church at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Tsawwassen.