



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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2015/16 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2015, Benediction Church, 7:30 p.m.

Welcome: Tom welcomed visitors and for the benefit of visitors, he introduced members of the Executive as well as our other volunteers.

Minutes: Tom enquired if members had received the June 2, 2015 minutes along with the newsletter. Val motioned, and Joyce seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Mail: Jennifer indicated that nothing unusual had been received.

Treasurer & Membership: Jennifer reported the current bank balance of 1 September 2015 to be \$2582.74. This is less than in June but membership renewals are expected to result in a balance increase.

Newsletter: As usual, Tom encouraged members to send contributions to Audrey. Her e-mail is makemusichappen@gmail.com.

Publicity: All seems to be well as our meetings are very well attended. Delta Nats. meetings are posted on Delta's reader boards.

Social: Tom opened the floor for discussion on how we could improve the functioning of this committee in order that our two current volunteers would be able to be present throughout the presentations. To be discussed further by the Exec. Committee and reviewed again with members.

Environment: Jim Ronback reported that the Jet Fuel Utilities facility had had an open house but as it was poorly publicized, relatively few people attended. In view of that, they will hold another one.

The Radio towers in Point Roberts continue to be an issue and the X-Border Coalition is continuing in its fund raising efforts. The county court hearing has not been scheduled yet.

Terry Carr reported that the brochure BIRDS OF DELTA has been placed at libraries, City Hall, the Museum, Reifel Bird Sanctuary, and the Ladner Market. Reifel may pay for a new printing of the brochure.

Archives Committee: Geoff reported that there has not been any activity.

BCN & Speakers: Our speaker for October will be Christine Terpsma from Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust. As Ursula is away, we don't know who the remainder of the speakers for this year are.

DNS Display Events: Terry/Marylile. See Future Events.

Activity since May 5 Monthly Meeting:

- 1) Thirteen weekly Wednesday DNCB outings to: Cheam Lake Park, BOTB in BBRP, Pitt-Addington Marsh, Campbell Valley, Reifel, Burnaby Lake, Ladner Parks, Manning Park, Victoria, Mill Lake Abbotsford, Port Moody Parks, Tynehead Surrey and Salt Spring Island (See Blog Reports). Tomorrow's outing is to Barnston Island in Surrey.
- 2) Fri/Sat. June 5/6, Landfill Open House, all day.
- 3) Fri June 5, BBPA Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at CH
- 4) Sat. Jun. 13, First Car Boot Sale at BBRP, 8:00 a.m.-Noon
- 5) Sat. June 20, DNS Garden Party at Pam-Jen's
- 6) Sun. Jun. 21, Pancake Breakfast in the Park, Centennial Beach, 8:00 a.m.
- 7) Sat. June 27, July 11 & 25, Aug 8 & 22, Car Boot Sales, 8:00 a.m.-Noon.
- 8) Fri. July 10, BBPA Brainstorming Session, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m.
- 9) Sat. Aug. 15, Starry Night at Deas Island Park, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- 10) Sun. June 16, Richmond Raptor Festival, Terra Nova, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 11) Sun. Aug. 23, Animal Expo in Ladner, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- 12) Sun. Aug. 30, BSC Shorebird ID Workshop, Cammidge House, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Future Meetings/Events:

- 1) Wed. Sept. 9, BOTB Outing in BBRP, 9:00 a.m. at CH
- 2) Fri. Nov. 6, BBPA AGM, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m.
- 3) Sat. Sept. 12, Last 2015 Car Boot Sale, Centennial Beach, 8:00 a.m.
- 4) Sat. Sept 12, Day at the Farm, Westham Island, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 5) Mon. Sept. 21, DNS Executive Meeting, TBA, 7:30 p.m. (held on Sept. 14th)
- 6) Fri. Sept. 25, Nature Canada AGM (with BCN), Victoria, 1:00 p.m.
- 7) Tues. Oct. 6, DNS Meeting, Benediction Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 8) Tues. Nov. 3, DNS Meeting & AGM, Benediction Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 9) Fri. Nov. 27, Delta NatureKids Outing at BBRP, Cam House 9:00 a.m.

Michal Sirton spoke about her Delta Nature Kids organization which is geared to home-schooled children.

Marg Cuthbert, the Education Chair for B. C. Nature offered her congratulations on the Brochure "Birding in Delta" as well as Delta Nats. role in assisting with the set-up of the local Delta Nature Kids.

Other Issues for Discussion:

Sightings; 50/50, None reported.

Various members paid their 2015/16 Delta Nats. dues.
8:15 p.m.

Tom introduced George Clulow who gave us a very informative presentation on "Birding in Panama".

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. at Benediction Lutheran Church with Christine Terpsma presenting on the Delta Farmland & Wildlife Trust (