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DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Welcome: Tom Bearss, President, welcomed members and guests to the third meeting of the 2019/2020 year and our AGM and introduced Executive members present: Anita Den Dikken, Jim Kneesch and Elizabeth Perrin who was taking minutes. Mike Betts was selling 50/50 tickets. One of the guests was Natasha from the Burns Bog Conservation Society.

Minutes: Carol Rennie moved approval of the circulated, draft minutes of our October 1, 2019 meeting prepared by Elizabeth Perrin. Valerie Fuller seconded the motion which was passed. These minutes will be posted on the "Members Only" portion of our website.

Mail: The only items in the mail were membership dues cheques.

Treasurer's Report: As full information was not available for the end of October, Treasurer Jim Kneesch reported the end September bank balance of \$6,813. Paid-up membership is now 31 family, 60 individual.

Publicity: Publicity is going very well and Tom thanked Geof for another very artistic poster.

Newsletter: Tom thanked Audrey Coutts for yet another excellent newsletter. Audrey reminded members that input is always appreciated.

Social: Joanne Williamson wasn't available to thank this evening's goodie providers. Tom reminded those present that we will be celebrating the Holiday Season at our December meeting so anyone who wishes to do so should bring goodies.

Environmental Issues:

1. Anne Murray advised that the Birds and Biodiversity Conservation Committee had a constructive meeting with Metro Vancouver, making them aware of strategy issues, and will be meeting with Delta environmental staff.

2. Anita advised that Delta has approved the MLK Delta Lands proposal for industrialization of property adjacent to Burns Bog.
3. Members were encouraged to attend the screening of Jocelyn Demers film "The Future of Birds" at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre November 7.

BCN & Speakers: Anita's report on the BC Nature FGM in Pitt Meadows is included in the October Newsletter. December speakers will be Noreen Rudd and David Hoar and Anita has a number of speakers lined up for future meetings.

Activity since Oct. 1 meeting:

Five DNCB outings – Brunswick Point, Jericho Beach Park, Reifel Bird Sanctuary, Whidbey Island, USA, and Iona Regional Park this morning. Check the DNCB blog at www.dncb.wordpress.com for reports and photos.

Note: Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings.

Other Activity Reports since Oct. 1 Meeting:

1. Oct. 3-6 BC Nature FGM, Pitt Meadows. Anita, Tom, Anne M. Joyce and Boudi attended.
2. Thurs. Oct. 10, 100 Debates- All Candidates meeting on the Environment, Kin Village, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., co-sponsored by DNS.
3. Sun. Oct. 20, Bird Studies Canada Welcome Back Birds Celebration at Harris Barn, noon to 5:00 p.m.
4. Tues. Oct 22, Improving Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Workshop, Richmond. Anita attended but left after half a day as bad acoustics made hearing difficult.
5. Mon. Oct. 21, DNS Executive Meeting, Anita's home, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
6. Thurs. Oct. 24. Bird Box Examination, Kings Links Golf Course, 9:30 a.m. to noon.
7. Fri. Nov. 1, BBPA meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m.to noon.
8. Sat. Nov. 2, BBPA Owl Walk, Boundary Bay Regional Park, Cammidge House, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Future Meetings /Events:

1. Mon. Nov. 18, DNS Executive Meeting, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
2. Sun, Dec. 1, Santa at Cammidge House, BBPA, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
3. Fri. Dec. 6, BBPA meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m. to noon.
4. Wed. Dec. 11, Birds on the Bay outing, Cammidge House, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Other Reports/Issues for Discussion:

1. Bird Box Team Report – Jack MacDonald reported that the team is building another 12 Barn Owl boxes for Sofi Hindmarch to sell to farmers.

2. DNS Program Review Update – Tom advised that a survey will soon be sent to members to determine what activities DNS members most enjoy and what DNS can do better in future.

General Meeting was adjourned.

Annual General Meeting

Break:

50/50 Draw: Sean Boyd drew the winning ticket held by Carol Rennie.

Presentation: Tom introduced Sean Boyd of Environment Canada who gave a very interesting presentation, focussing largely on snow geese, of the impact of Climate Change on Wetlands. He anticipates that snow geese numbers in the Fraser Delta could reach 120,000 this winter.

Next meeting and Holiday Season Social, Tuesday, December 3, 7:30 pm, with Noreen Rudd and David Hoar presenting on their Birding Adventures in South Africa.