

## **DELTA NATURALISTS – EXECUTIVE MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015-10-26**

Held at the home of our esteemed leader, Tom Bearss.

Present also were Ursula Easterbrook, Jim Kneesch, Jim Ronback, Anita den Dikken, and Elizabeth Perrin.

- The Delta Nature Society Income and Expenses sheet for 01.09.14 to 31.08.15 was reviewed, as was the proposed Budget for 2015/16.
- The Minutes of our Exec. Meeting of 06.09.15 were reviewed. Anita mentioned that we need to advise the membership of the decision to not accept new memberships after the end of February. This would simplify DNS bookkeeping. As discussed previously, prospective new members may attend meetings and then formally join effective the 1st of September. The Minutes were accepted (after lengthy discussion on the latter item. Jim R. was uncomfortable about the possible insurance liability for new potential members who participate in our activities after February and have not paid their membership or signed the waiver form).
- The current bank balance was confirmed as \$4173.45.
- Jim Kneesch will take over both Treasurer and Membership duties. It will be the Treasurer's responsibility to advise B. C. Nature of the membership roll. However, Jim Ronback will continue to send out the newsletter; therefore, there will need to be communication between the two Jims on the membership list.
- Important to emphasize that members need to bring their own coffee/tea mugs. This needs to be highlighted in the newsletter. Anita suggested a "mugshot" of Tom with a mug. Elizabeth will send a note to Audrey. Members who forget their mugs can use the mugs supplied by the Church but will be urged to donate to the coffee fund. Elizabeth will buy a small donation can. A discussion ensued on "Bird Friendly Coffee". This is coffee grown in the shade, thereby preserving trees for birds. The new Social Committee can discuss further and research the availability of such coffee locally.
- Discussion between Tom and Jim R. regarding the script for the AGM scheduled during the regular November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Agreed that the slate of candidates to be presented at the meeting would be:
  - Tom Bearss – President
  - Elizabeth Perrin – Vice President

- Jim Kneesch – Treasurer and Membership
- Anita den Dikken – Secretary
- Ursula Easterbrook – Speakers and B. C. Nats. Director
- Jim Ronback – Member at Large and Environment
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- Will need minutes from 2014 AGM
- Tom will need the script for the AGM from Jim Ronback. The meeting agenda will also include tabling of the financial statement and the proposed budget. The proposed budget should include a line for contingencies. And, approval needs to be sought at the meeting.
- A lengthy discussion ensued on the necessity and utility for membership cards as well as on costs and the design. It could provide an opportunity for discounts for members buying items such as bird seed, binoculars, etc. It was finally agreed that Tom will ask Geof to design a card for Delta Nats with blank spaces for the name and expiry date

Tom talked about the Bird Strategy which he and Anne Murray will present to Delta Council at the next Council meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The objective is that Delta municipality would assume the costs of the new brochure which the DNS sub-committee has worked on.

- A brief discussion ensued on the Delta Archives and the desirability of archiving Minutes of Meetings. Tom wants to see these archived. Currently, the Delta Museum Archives is not doing this. Jim Ronback has given a thumb drive of Minutes and correspondence to Geof.
- Tom brought up the Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> event “SILENT FLIGHT” at Earthwise. This will commence at 2 p.m. and will include a showing of the barn owl video entitled Silent Flight, made by Sofi Hindmarch. This event is being co-sponsored by Vicki Huntington, Delta Nats., Earthwise Society, and the Wilderness Committee. The event will start in the red barn at 2 p.m.
- Tom also advised us on the current status of the B. C. Nature Foundation. Currently, the fund for this organization is approximately \$500K. They provide funding for worthy projects. Discussion ensued on a possible monitoring of DNS bird boxes and hiring of a student to **do such. No decision was reached. To be discussed further in a future meeting.**
- **The date of our next Exec. Meeting was not determined.**

