



DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY

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AGENDA FOR MONTHLY EXECUTIVE MEETING

September 14, 2015

In Attendance: Tom Bearss, Jim Ronback, Jennifer Melville-Roberts, Jim Kneesch, Lorraine Mwenifumbo, Elizabeth Perrin, Anita den Dikken

Minutes: The Minutes of the last Exec. Meeting were not readily available for review and approval. There was some discussion about the date of the last meeting. It was held earlier in 2015.

Mail: Nothing of note other than membership applications had been received.

Treasurer & Membership:

The treasurer reported our current bank balance as \$3583.14. There was some discussion about the funds available with the B.C. Nature Foundation. They do make funding available to individual clubs for approved projects. We had not applied for any funding this past year. Tom indicated that he would send us information on the B.C. Nature Foundation.

Budget: Jennifer provided us with the DNS Income and Expenses report for the September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 period. Tom requested that Jennifer do a brief budget for the Sept. 1, 2015 to Aug. 31, 2016 year. Some suggested items were discussed. Budget is to include payment of \$540 in January 2016 for rent. Annual payment to B.C. Nature is based upon the membership number effective 31 Dec. 2015. There is a preset amount per member.

Other items will likely include a cordless microphone for audience members, which will be compatible with our existing system. Jonathan will be requested to provide specs. to Jim Ronback whose son-in-law is a sound engineer and can make recommendations.

Jim moved, and Lorraine seconded, that the Delta Naturalists pay \$250 for the development and printing of a new brochure entitled "Experience Birding in Delta". Motion carried.

The subject of membership waivers was discussed. Jennifer will phone the B. C. Naturalists to establish whether or not these need to be re-signed annually by continuing members.

Jim Ronback and Jim Kneesch will endeavour to agree on a common spreadsheet for the membership data.

Memberships: Jim Kneesch moved, and Anita den Dikken seconded that new memberships not be accepted after the end of February. Prospective new members may attend our events and then join at the beginning of the new year in September. This was agreed to by those present. The reasoning is that it will result in more simplified accounting of the memberships. Such prospective members will be advised that they will not receive the Nature magazine until their membership commences.

Jennifer and Jim Kneesch will meet to formally hand over the Treasurer duties to Jim.

PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER: All agreed that Val and Audrey are doing good jobs.

SOCIAL: We all agree that changes are needed in order that the Social Coordinators may hear the speakers, and not be shut away in the kitchen for part or all of the speakers' presentations. Suggested improvements which we agreed upon included:

- Keep reminding members to bring and take home their own coffee mugs, to reduce number of items to be washed
- Ensure the availability of coffee and goodies when members arrive; they can replenish their coffee during the social break.

Other suggestions which we agreed to are:

- four people to bring food. Be certain that at least one of the food volunteers brings a healthy, sugar-free snack.
- Remind food volunteers by e-mail prior to the meetings.
- Provide gluten-free items for those people who cannot tolerate gluten.

BCN & Speakers: Jennifer to contact Ursula by e-mail to determine if she has arranged a speaker for November. Terry Carr has agreed to be the December speaker.

AGM: will be held at the November 3rd meeting. Tom asked if we would return/join Executive and has received agreement as follows:

Jim Ronback to remain as Member At Large and Environment Reporter

Elizabeth to remain as V.P.

Anita to remain as Secretary

Jim Kneesch to take over as Treasurer and Membership

Tom to remain as President

Lorraine Mwenifumbo and Jonathan will be taking leave of absence from DNS starting in December until Sept 1, 2016

Elizabeth will continue on with the Social Committee and will represent that committee at our Exec. meetings. Tom will recruit more volunteers to assist with the social committee functions.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tom hopes to complete a report on all of the events which DNS has held and attended this past year.

We currently have 100 bird boxes. Tom will organize the bird box cleaning.

Tom noted that he has given a lot of help to Michal with the establishment of Nature Kids. However, he also expressed disappointment that only home schooled kids would benefit from Nature Kids in Delta. White Rock has its own Nature Kids, a club which is more inclusive.

NEXT EXEC. MEETING: Tuesday, October 20th, at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for the AGM.