

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING Monday, June 10, 2013, 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Cambridge House, Delta, B.C.**

President, Tom Bearss Introduced Executive (absent: Ursula Easterbrook, Hans-Ulf Schellhase, Mary Ronback) and welcomed those present (27 attendees).

Last month's **meeting Minutes, May 13, 2013** (in June Newsletter): moved for approval by Don Farquhar; seconded by Valerie Fuller. Passed.

Executive Committee Minutes of May 27 tabled.

Mail: On behalf of absent Hans-Ulf Schellhase, Jim Ronback reported that there was no mail received.

Treasurer Jennifer Mellville-Roberts submitted Unaudited Interim Cash Flow Statement at June 10, 2013, reporting that \$4,280.42 is in the bank at this date.

Newsletter Editor, Mary Ronback, absent; however, available were copies of the latest publication Volume 27, #10 of June 2013. As always, Mary is seeking articles for this publication.

Publicity: Valerie Fuller has volunteered to take on this responsibility for 2012/13.

Social (Lorraine Mwenifumbo/Marilynn King) : (1) Thanks to this month's goodie providers: Annie, Marion, Audrey (delivered by Donna). (2) Lorraine Mwenifumbo advised that there is a sign-up sheet for the new fiscal year (September 2013). (3) Details, regarding the Garden Party at Jennifer and Pam's on June 22, are in the Newsletter. Please note: sign-up sheets; bringing of utensils and chairs; need for an entry in the Dutch Auction.

Environment Issues: Jim Ronback reported that VAPOR's AGM is July 8, 2013; and, updated regarding the Boundary Bay Conservation Committee. Marilyn King still working towards Cosmetic Pesticide Provincial Ban.

B. C. Nature: See report in Newsletter (Minutes of the General Meeting Monday, May 13, 2013) on the B. C. Nature's AGM May 2-5 in Abbotsford/Mission.

Please give any **speaker** suggestions to Ursula.Easterbrook urs@telus.net or call her at 604-948-1749 (and copy Tom as Ursula is away until October 2013).

Projects Wish List (ongoing and requesting suggestions)

- *The new barn owl box construction date (by Peter Ward) to be advised
- *Scope is still an ongoing consideration
- *Bat House acquisition still under review

Bird Box Program: Monitoring now; new **Barn Owl Box** to be installed this Summer in BBRP; reviewing possible installation of our “old” Barn Owl Box at North Forty Park.

Delta Naturalists Casual Birders:

*Four outings since May Nats meeting: (1) May 15 to South Arm Marsh Park in Ladner; (2) May 22 to Colony Farm Regional Park; (3) May 29 to North Forty Park; and (4) June 5 quarterly Birds on the Bay outing in BBRP, with 24 people attending.

*Check DNCB at: www.dncb.wordpress.com for reports (including Newsletters), links and photos. Our Webmaster is Ken Borrie.

*Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays

Other Activity Reports since May 13 meeting:

- 1) Sun. May 26 * Ladner May Days event*
- 2) Wed. June 5 BOTB outing at BBRP.
- 3) Fri. June 7 Cammidge House Committee meeting and creation of new Boundary Bay Park Association (BBPA).
- 4) Sat. June 8 First 2013 CHC Boot Sale at Centennial Beach (future dates are June 22, July 13 & 27, Aug. 10 & 24 and Sept. 14 & 28)

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Sun. June 16 * Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast at Centennial Beach*
- 2) Sat. June 22 Annual Delta Nats Garden Party at Pam-Jen's Home
- 3) Mon. July 1 *Canada Day event in downtown Ladner*
- 4) Tues. July 9 Naturalist Justin Peter's Presentation on Galapagos, Coast Tsawwassen Inn, 7:00 p.m.
- 5) Saturday Aug 17 *Starry Night - Deas Island Park - 7:30-10:00 pm*
- 6) Sunday Aug 18 *Richmond Raptor Festival - Terra Nova Park 11:00-4:00*
- 7) Mon. Aug. 26 DN Executive Meeting at the Ronback's.
- 8) Sat. Sept 7 *A Day at the Farm - Westham Island Herb Farm -10:00-4:00*
- 9) Mon. Sept. 9 First 2013/14 Delta Nats general meeting at Cammidge House
- 10) Wed. Sept. 11 Birds on the Bay outing in BBRP.

* events have Delta Nats Display; Display Coordinator is Terry Carr Tcarr@dccnet.com ; See Sign-up Sheets for Volunteering.

Sightings: Valerie Fuller has a wood duck sitting on eggs; Bullock's Orioles are at Reifel; Carol Rennie reported that she recently linked up for tour with Langley Naturalists.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by Annie Kaps, Secretary