



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm including a few new faces.

Minutes:

Should have been Pat Danforth, not Pat Mearns. The March 2018 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Janet Pattinson, 2nd Sarah Weaver.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary reported the following for April 2018:

Bank balance on March 6, 2018:

\$3,718.32

Revenue:

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| Dues | \$160.00 |
| Interest | \$0.16 |
| Total: | \$160.16 |

Disbursements:

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| Computer Cable | \$33.59 |
| Shuswap Outdoor Learning Foundation | \$500.00 |
| Total: | \$533.59 |

Bank balance Apr 3, 2018:

\$3,344.89

Patronage:

\$0.89

Ted moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Di Wittner.

MOTION: to donate another \$500 to the Shuswap Outdoor Learning Foundation.

Moved by Sarah Weaver, 2nd Blaine Carson.

Announcements:

1. Next outing is to the foreshore. Swallows are back, eagles are nesting. May 3 - in Vernon near Swan Lake.
2. BC Nature spring meeting in Vancouver: Janet Pattinson will attend the meeting this year. Saturday's post banquet speaker will talk about bumble bees.
3. Gillian Richardson: no owls on the recent count.

Business:

1. Wildlife rescue: Di Wittner has volunteered to train folks to bring injured wildlife in. She is waiting to hear back from the BC Wildlife Park in Kamloops.
2. Letter to the City Council regarding coal dust: we support the City in any actions they may take to minimize coal dust coming off the trains.

Are we in favour of sending this letter? Also, we should send a letter not just to the city but also to CP Rail.

MOTION: To send the letter to the City of Salmon Arm. Moved by Janet Pattinson, 2nd Gillian Richardson.

3. Nature reports on CKVS: Di Wittner & Janet Pattinson
Janet has taken the necessary steps to be a radio host. Di will also commit and talk about local issues. To start, will keep it under 15 minutes, and it will air during Community Hour, Friday at 6 pm and Monday at 12 noon. Janet is hoping for other members to step up and contribute to the show.
Janet suggested that we contribute \$5 for each of the times that we do the report.

MOTION: to contribute \$5 per community nature report to CKVS for the first 20 sessions. Moved by Janet Pattinson, 2nd Loretta Prosser.

4. Show and Tell:
Ed McDonald saw a woolly bear caterpillar last week in his garage. Woolly bears can freeze solid and hibernate, and the width of their stripes will vary through the year. After pupating for about 2-3 weeks, the caterpillar turns into the Isabella Tiger Moth. We have 10 times more moth species than butterfly species in BC.

Reports

1. Save our Songbirds (Janet Aitken): an Instagram account is being set up for us, and Clive Bryson will contribute some beautiful songbird photos. On Instagram, search for Shuswap Songbirds and you will find our account.
 - Cathy Stubington is trying to get a group together to make bird costumes for an interational bird conference in Vancouver in August that people will wear while walking on stilts.
 - Gillian Richardson is looking for a logo that will be recognizably ours. May use clipart rather than photos to avoid copyright issues.
2. SABNES (Janet Aitken): the bird-viewing platform is now repaired. Sarah Weaver has been working hard on the signs, replacing old signs, etc, to keep people who are in the water away from important nesting areas.
Janet Aitken would like to hang an addition to the naturalists' log sign with a quote from Dick Cannings about this being an important bird area.
SABNES has received a grant for two student employees for the nature centre this summer.
Also, SABNES is looking to replace the trees that got washed out on the hummocks.
3. Ed McDonald – thinking of having the weed pull in September this year, as the spring is quite slow for nightshade growth.

Sightings:

- Blaine Carson: moose carcass up at Larch Hills – a couple of predators have been accessing it; he hopes that they will be caught on camera.
- Ted Hillary: Cooper's Hawk in his backyard caught a Sharp-Shinned Hawk!

National Volunteer Appreciation Week happens in mid-April. Janet Pattinson would like to extend a thank you to everyone here for all their volunteer work for the club.

Di Wittner: asked if anyone had brought bird boxes tonight.

Move to adjourn at 7:50 by Ed McDonald.

After the break, Jim Cooperman gave a presentation on his book Everything Shuswap.