



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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

MINUTES

There was an error in the March 2019 minutes – the songbird film is called The Messenger, not the Decline of the Songbirds. Otherwise, they were accepted as circulated; moved by Janet Pattinson, 2nd Isobel Anderson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ted Hillary reported the following for April 2019:

Bank balance on Mar 5, 2019: \$3,211.33

Revenue:

Dues	\$465.00
Coffee	\$5.15
Interest	\$0.33
BC Nature	\$1350.00
Donation	\$150.00
Total:	\$1920.48

Disbursements:

Speaker	\$30.00
Total	\$30.00

Bank balance March 5, 2019: \$5,101.81

Patronage: \$0.89

Ted moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Mike Saul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Wetlandkeepers workshop in Kamloops – check email that Ed McDonald sent out on behalf of Michelle Weisinger.
2. Thank you cards – Roger Beardmore had 50 printed. When we need to send a thank you card, these are available.
3. Kyle Fitzpatrick had found a crow with what looked like a broken wing. Di Wittner had to put it down, and she found a pellet in its wing. Ed recommends the book The Inner Life of Animals – Love, Grief, and Compassion. Also, The Secret Life of Trees.

BUSINESS

1. Executive meeting: Kime trail is starting to erode. Sarah Weaver suggests planting more willows. The first club outing is to the foreshore, so the club will look at it as a group and perhaps come up with a solution.
2. We now have a quote for a logo - \$165 plus tax. The club will keep the owl and the lily, and the designer will make it suitable for print.
Motion: to spend this money for the logo. Everyone in favour.
3. Pat Danforth – outings for the season: 1st one April 11, at the foreshore. There is one for which we are waiting for a leader, and when this is confirmed Pat will email the list out to members. Pat reminded us to keep our voices low when we are on birding outings.
4. Nest box project – Di Wittner and Roger Beardmore are meeting at 8:30 tomorrow by the nature trail gate. They are hoping for additional volunteers to help dig holes with a power auger. Boxes will be put up from Raven to Peter Jannink Park – 50 boxes in total.
5. Foreshore brochure – Sarah Weaver: She has printed 3000, and 1500 are at the Prestige Harbourfront Resort for their visitors. Some have gone to the Salmon Arm Visitors' Centre. The entire brochure is available on our website.
6. Songbird committee: program for Apr/May was emailed out by Ed McDonald.
7. Show and Tell: Ed McDonald had a tray of Great Blue Heron eggshells that were picked up last year.

REPORTS

Janet Pattinson: Environmental committee meeting on Thursday.

SIGHTINGS

- Dawn McDonald – Barred Owl in their pine tree
- Di Wittner – Great Gray Owl, and rubber boas at her property
- Sauls – four Sandhill cranes
- Loretta Prosser: White winged crossbills at Larch Hills, and goldfinches at her feeder
- Cathy Meakes – saw some as well, under a bridge.
- McDonalds – several Mourning Cloaks
- Hanne Mackay – coyote in her subdivision, deer, spotted towhee, and goldfinches
- Bruno – a pair of Northern Flickers

Motion to adjourn by Mike Saul at 7:50 pm.

After the break, Barry Wilson gave a presentation on the cumulative effects of human land use on songbird population.