



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

The November 2016 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Marlene McDonald, 2nd Janet Pattinson.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary presented the following for September 2016:

Bank balance on November 1, 2016 **\$4,164.11**

Revenue:

Dues	\$190.00
Coffee	\$15.55
Interest	\$0.18
Total:	\$205.73

Disbursements:

S.O.R.C.O.	\$500.00
Total:	\$500.00

Bank balance on December 6, 2016 **\$3,869.84**

Patronage \$0.62

(for Nature Park: \$286.06; Fall AGM \$3652.16)

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

Announcements:

1. Janet Pattinson went to TRU and presented a cheque for \$1200 to Jennifer Peterson, this year's bursary recipient. Jennifer wrote a thank-you note to the club.
2. Lois Higgins (wife of the late Harry Higgins) donated \$500 to our endowment fund through the Shuswap Community Foundation.
3. Ed McDonald will email designs for bat houses, provided by Mandy Kellner. Houses will be mounted to the osprey poles on the foreshore, approx 2/3 of the way up.
4. Gerry Leering reports that the foreshore project is on time and under budget so far.
5. Janet Pattinson is looking for someone to conduct the upcoming executive election.

6. Ed McDonald received a note from Rick Howie asking if our club would help out again this year with the North Shore Christmas Bird Count. It takes place on Dec 20.

Business:

1. Christmas Bird Count (Ted Hillary): The teams are coming together for this year's bird count, which takes place on Sunday, Dec 18.
The gathering will start at 3:30 at the Seniors' Drop in Centre on Hudson Ave.
Please bring a sweet or savoury finger food.
Count numbers will be submitted to Ted on a piece of paper.
2. Messenger (Isobel Anderson): our club made a small profit (approx \$300) from the showing of the movie Messenger – this money will go towards implementing the six suggestions to help improve the songbird situation.
There will be an info table at Piccadilly Mall on Dec 14, 15, 16 – Isobel is looking for volunteers to staff the table.

Reports:

- Environmental Advisory Committee (Janet Pattinson): the committee recently discussed the Salmon Arm bylaw relating to the cosmetic use of pesticides.
- BC Nature (Janet Pattinson): the Federation has been busy lately, responding to the pipeline ruling, as well as to the issue of solar installations in the Kootenays in important bird and wildlife areas. They are also involved in the renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty.

Sightings:

(Show and Tell) – Loretta Prosser brought in a Golden Crowned Kinglet specimen that she had found outside her window. Mike Saul talked about seeing these birds on Bowen Island.

The club broke for coffee at 7:45 p.m., moved to adjourn by Mike Saul.

After the break, members gave presentations.