



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

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

Minutes:

The November 2018 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Pat Turner, 2nd Karen Beggs.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary reported the following for December 2018:

Bank balance on Nov 5, 2018: \$3,203.96

Revenue:

Dues	\$185.00
Interest	\$0.27
Coffee	\$2.00
Total:	\$187.27

Disbursements:

Nil

Bank balance Dec 4, 2018: \$3,391.23

Patronage: \$0.89

Ted moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Janet Pattinson.

Announcements:

1. This year's club TRU scholarship, at a value of \$1,097, was given to Vanessa Robinson. The award is supported with an endowment in the Shuswap Community Foundation.
2. Elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 6 Directors will be held at the January meeting.

Business:

1. This year's Christmas Bird Count will be held Dec 16. The gathering at Seniors Drop in Centre on Hudson Ave begins at 4 pm. Donations of sweet and savour finger foods are appreciated.
There are two other local bird counts this time of year – the North Shore, and a new one started by Geoff Styles in Enderby/Armstrong
2. Janet Pattinson: The BC SPCA is interested in starting another wildlife rescue program – Wild Arc 2, in the Okanagan valley. Our Shuswap branch manager has asked if we could keep track of all calls about distressed wildlife. She would like to know if we would be interested in having it in the Shuswap, and property is being looked for. It may also be established in Kelowna, as they have property.

3. Show and Tell - Ed McDonald brought in a Chipping Sparrow nest, given to him by Gillian Richardson. This sparrow uses hair to make its nest – historically horsehair, but now all types of hair. It is more likely to be seen in suburban areas, and looks like the American Tree Sparrow. It used to be called the Hair Bird.

Reports

1. **BC Nature** – Janet Pattinson: there have been discussions on change. There is much travel required for the spring and fall annual meetings. Perhaps we should look at holding virtual group gatherings through the use of technology. Janet asked if we had any comments or ideas that she could pass on to BC Nature.
2. **Environmental committee**– Janet Pattinson: the new committee chair is Sylvia Lindgren. Janet spoke with Sylvia about what can Salmon Arm do with respect to climate change. We should also think about what we can do as individuals.

The break was held at 7:45 pm. Afterwards, members gave presentations on various subjects.