



## Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 3, 2019

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm, including a few new faces, and Craig Daniell of the BC SPCA who will speak after the break.

### MINUTES

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November 2019 minutes: Roger Beardmore took a short-eared, not a long-eared owl, to the rescue centre. Janet Pattinson moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Mearns.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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Ted Hillary reported the following for December 2019:

Bank balance on November 5, 2019:	\$3,489.15
Revenue:	
Dues	\$105.00
Interest	\$0.15
Total	\$105.15
Disbursements:	
Pictures	\$83.69
Total	\$83.69
Bank balance December 3, 2019:	\$3,510.61
Patronage:	\$0.89

Ted moved acceptance of the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Saul.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. Thanks to Pat Hutchins for supplying the new Shuswap Naturalists sign at the Prestige Inn.
2. This year's scholarship goes to Michelle Matson. She is in the top of her class, and in the same program as last year's recipient.
3. North Shuswap will have a Christmas bird count on Dec 15. Rick Howie has asked for help from our club, for the White Lake/Balmoral/Blind Bay/Notch Hill area.

4. Executive elections are in January. Anyone wishing to put their name forth is invited to, including someone to run the actual election.

## BUSINESS

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1. The Christmas bird count is on Sunday Dec 22. We have a raffle to raise money, with books, jigsaw puzzles, Frank Kime paintings, and a watershed map. These items will be available at the seniors' hall at the gathering after the bird count. The raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1 each, with the money going towards the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.  
Ted Hillary: teams are mostly set up, with the quadrant leaders the same as in the past. Anyone wishing to join a group, please talk to the leader of that quadrant, or else contact Ted.  
Mike and Pam Saul are organizing the gathering. June Bryson asks for finger food donations, and there will be musical entertainment.
2. BC Nature report (Di Wittner): 10 regional clubs had a two-hour phone meeting in November. Recruitment is an issue for all clubs. Ideas to bolster membership include:
  - E-transfer for dues payments
  - Weekly hikes
  - Facebook presence
  - Monthly slideshows from photos submitted by all members
 Other BC Nature items:
  - Their conservation committee wants to learn about conservation projects that our club is working on.
  - Free legal council.
  - They would like clubs to go after their MPs and pressure them to protect land and oceans. They have provided a toolkit to do this.
3. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Clive Bryson has been working on a poster to get the word out to the public. Please let Clive know if you have any ideas for the poster. Ed McDonald likes our motto: "To know nature and to keep it worth knowing."  
The celebration planning committee is made up of Joyce Henderson, Janet Pattinson, Gillian Richardson, and Pat Hearn. They will get together after Christmas to plan.  
Janet talked to Louis Thomas and he was open to further discussion on collaborating with us.
4. Ed McDonald mentioned that he'd brought some magazines for the taking.

## REPORTS

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Janet Aitken is not here tonight to report on SABNES.

## SIGHTINGS

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- Roger Beardmore: Lots of short-eared owls near the mouth of the river. He's seen 14!
- Pat Hutchins: Northern Shrike also in this area. The owls and shrike are after all the voles there.
- Blaine Carson: Peregrine Falcon in London, UK. Also painted pictures on the sidewalk chewing gum. They had spent a month in Cornwall, England.
- Pam Saul: ladybugs into her house in the fall, but they she finds them dead in the spring. Ed McDonald suggested to talk to Buckerfields – perhaps they can overwinter them.

Motion to adjourn by at 7:47 pm by Mike Saul.

After the break, Craig Daniell gave a presentation on the SPCA and the possibility of a wildlife rescue centre in the BC interior.