



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 5, 2019

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

Minutes:

The January 2019 minutes had mis-reported Di Whittner's phone number – it should have been printed as 250-835-8608. Otherwise, the minutes were accepted as circulated.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary reported the following:

Bank balance December 31, 2018	\$3,440.16
Revenue	
Dues	565.00
Coffee	22.50
Donations	15.00
Interest	0.31
	\$602.81
Expenditures	
	Nil
	\$2,120.00
Bank balance February 5, 2019	\$4,042.97
Patronage	0.89

Ted Hillary moved acceptance of the report. 2nd Sid Visser.

Ted also reminded us that membership dues are now due. This year the deadline for payment is March 31.

Announcements:

1. On Jan 17, 2019, nature poet Mary Oliver passed away. Ed McDonald is particularly fond of her piece on starlings. He talked about starlings, the changing attitudes towards various species, and poetry.

2. Janet Aitken: was in Saskatchewan and brought back a book of Sask birds. It's available through Nature Saskatchewan and can be purchased online.

Business:

1. Sarah Weaver is working on a wildlife brochure for wharf visitors, about how to behave around animals in general, including injured wildlife. She is also involved in a letter-writing campaign against the use of drones at the wharf.
2. Songbird committee:
 Janet Aitken -- trying to connect the program to the art gallery show on flight and the decline of the songbird.
 Roger Beardmore -- is providing photos to Tracey Kutscher to make buttons for the art show.
 Gillian Richardson -- put together a page for the club website, with information and what we can do to help.
 Loretta Prosser -- talked to new head librarian here in town, and she will have a book display on songbirds. Loretta also talked to Adam Meikle of Meikle Studios Social Art House; they may do a songbird theme with art workshops.
 Pat Danforth -- has been working on an email to school district teachers to do a theme study in April. The Messenger will also be shown again at the Salmar in April.
3. Di Whittner is applying for a grant from BC Nature to help make nest boxes at the Shuswap Makerspace.

Reports:

Janet – the environmental advisory committee has been talking about climate change for awhile now, and how the city of SA could be part of the solution. Janet did a quick survey of the club to see how environmentally friendly our habits are. She asked club members to come up with new things to do.

Sightings:

- Roger Beardsmore saw a skylark on Vancouver Island.
- Di Whittner saw pygmy marmosets in Ecuador.
- 11 blue herons were seen.

Motion to adjourn by Roger Beardmore at 7:55 pm.

After the meeting, Neil Cave gave a presentation on solar power.