



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 4, 2020

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

MINUTES

The December minutes were accepted as circulated, moved by Di Wittner; 2nd Gillian Richardson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ted Hillary reported the following for January 2020:

Bank balance on December 31, 2019:	\$4,319.17
Revenue:	
Interest	0.19
Total	0.19
Disbursements:	
BC Nature annual dues	1,223.42
Total	1,223.42
Bank balance February 4, 2020:	\$3,095.94
Patronage:	\$0.89

Ted moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Isobel Anderson.

Next, Ted presented the 2019 financial statement:

Bank Balance January 1, 2019	\$3,440.16
Revenue	
Dues	2045.00
Coffee	187.95
Raffles	425.30
Nest Boxes BCN	620.00
Weed Pull BCN	1000.00
Donations	215.00
Interest	3.26
Total:	\$4,496.51

Expenditures

Administration	
Room Rent	182.70
Newsletter/Postage	155.92
Web Site	99.62
BCN Annual Dues	1161.60
Logo	201.60

Speaker	30.00
Pictures	83.69
Christmas Bird Count	75.00
Bird Houses	727.37
Weed Pull	900.00
Total:	\$3,617.50
Bank Balance December 31, 2019	\$ 4,319.17

Ted moved acceptance of the statement, 2nd Karen Beggs.

Finally, Ted presented the budget for 2020:

Revenue

Membership Dues	1,600.00
Coffee	175.00
Club Funds	1,100.00
Fundraising	750.00
Total:	\$3,625.00

Expenditures

BCN Dues	1,300.00
Room Rental	200.00
Newsletter/Postage	150.00
Web Site	100.00
Directors' Expenses	500.00
Christmas Bird Count	75.00
50th Anniversary	1,000.00
Weed Pull	100.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total:	\$3,625.00

Ted moved acceptance of the budget, 2nd Marlene McDonald.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ed & Monica Dahl received our newsletter by email. Monica reported that they are counting swans & Canada geese, as well as participating in a waterfowl survey; and she was happy to find out what our club was up to.
2. Anna Stewart passed away before Christmas. She was a longtime member who was very active in the club.
3. Kyle Fitzpatrick is now happily teaching as a Teacher on Call.

BUSINESS

1. Christmas Bird Count (Ted Hillary): A foggy day made it difficult to see things on the lake. Totals were 65 species, with an additional 7 species during the week. Number of birds was just under 7000, many of which were starlings and pigeons. There were more waxwings than Ted expected with the poor mountain ash berry crop.

Enderby/Armstrong: rough-legged hawk; 3 nuthatch species, Cooper's hawk. Couple of groups of evening grosbeaks.

North Shuswap: a few of our members did the more local areas; and found few each of a lot of different duck species. Total number of species was 57. Kamloops had 58 species, which is low for them.

2. Di Wittner is attending the AGM in May. She asked if anyone in the club had any resolutions that they'd like to be passed. Resolutions can be presented in point form, and BC Nature will put it into proper words. Please let Di know if you have any ideas.
She also presented Ed with a T-shirt with a dung beetle screen print, in appreciation of everything he and Marlene do for the club.
3. Club historian Gillian Richardson will present a historical item each month for the year. This month she has the minutes from the first meeting back in December 8, 1970, held in the Shuswap library, as well as a letter from the president of BC Nature.
4. 50th anniversary update (Gillian Richardson): at the committee meeting on Jan 15, it was decided that the club would like to plant 50 trees, with the rationale as follows: 1. It would leave a legacy for the club. 2. It would be a visible and permanent way to advocate about the value of trees. 3. It would engage school students as future custodians of the environment.
The committee will meet with the city to discuss possible locations, and then will begin to select suitable tree species. The planting would best be done in the spring.
Another celebratory event has been proposed, with a tentative date of Sat, June 6 – club member-led birding/nature walks. This would keep us in the public eye. The committee would like volunteers for this – please contact any of the committee members (Gillian, Pat Hutchins, Joyce Henderson, Pat Mearns, Janet Pattinson).
5. The executive election was carried out by Sherry Bowlby. All current positions have agreed to stay on with the exception of Vice President Sara Weaver, who has moved out of the area. Potential candidates for this position are invited to express their interest.

REPORTS

Songbird committee: Isobel Anderson asked if club members could post awareness cards around town.

SIGHTINGS

- Karen Beggs – heard a great horned owl calling. Also, a barred owl was interested in her chickens.
- Di Wittner – ruffed grouse at her place, and also heard a great horned owl calling.
- Ted Hillary – black wolf near the mouth of the river.
- Ed McDonald – moose near Five Corners.

Ed suggested an outing near the river mouth in the fall. Also near White Creek, where the shamrock spider is always sighted.

Tom Brighthouse mentioned that there had been a recent meeting with the Adams Lake Indian Band: there has been an agreement to use a trail instead of having to walk along the tracks. This is a big success!

Motion to adjourn by at 7:55 pm by Ed McDonald on behalf of Mike Saul who is in Morocco.

After the break, Karen Beggs presented some wonderful stories about her years running Kee-Two Wildlife Rehabilitation.