



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 4:00 pm to Peter Jannink Park.

Minutes:

For the May 2017 minutes, Janet Pattinson mentioned that it was Janet Aitken, not Janet Pattinson, that was to find out about the Facebook arrangement. Other than that, minutes were accepted as circulated.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary reported the following for June 6, 2017

Bank balance May 2, 2017	\$3,739.72
Revenue	
Coffee	38.50
Dues	20.00
Interest	0.16
	\$58.66
Expenditures	
None	
Bank balance June 6, 2017	\$3,798.58
Patronage	\$0.81

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

Announcements:

Ed McDonald reported on a few recent outings: Bishop Wild Bird Sanctuary, a Salmon Arm delta outing, as well as an outing to Enderby.

Business:

1. Janet Pattinson - BC Nature:
 - a. BC Nature President Alan Burger, along with other groups, has been writing letters, against the idea of the government giving control of wildlife management over to an external agency. Alan proposes that the government do a study on habitat, and also not

restrict it to harvestable animals. This letter is being sent to the government right now.

- b. Owl Island is for sale, and the Salt Spring Island group wants to save that island so that it is not developed.
- c. BC Nature has some funds available for nest boxes – Janet thought we might apply, and applications are being accepted in the fall. Ed McDonald mentioned that Jim Hoskins usually builds them out of his own pocket, and that it would be good to apply for outside funds.
- d. The Fall AGM this year is in Vernon, and the convenient location should allow our club members to attend if they wish.

2. Anne Caughlan proposed the following:

MOTION: that our club send \$100 to Bishop Wild Bird Sanctuary. 2nd Pat Turner. Carried.

3. Ed McDonald: the club wants to put a stop to logging in an area that will devastate the last remaining stand of mountain caribou. This area is near Wells Gray Park. The club will send a letter to Catherine McKenna to please work on this as soon as possible. Pat Mearns offered to write it. Janet Pattinson said that she sent a personal email and got a message saying that there was a backlog, so please put the word „Critical“ in the subject line. Also she suggests that we phone as well.
4. The club was given five copies of the book Everything Shuswap, by Jim Cooperman. Clive Bryson did many of the photos. We don't have to decide right now what to do with them, but one idea is to give a copy to Gillian Richardson for our club records. The club gave \$500 towards the production of this book.

Reports:

1. Janet Pattinson - Environmental Advisory Committee: meeting last Thursday, but no quorum. SABNES needs a new rep. There was a presentation by Emily Styles and Eric Bjorgan, on getting citizens to think about what they could do about climate change in their own lives.
2. Mike and Pam Saul reported that the BC Nature AGM in Lillooet was enjoyable, with some great outings.

Sightings:

- Anne Coghlan, Gardom report: said that Sarah Weaver will be the liason as Anne can't do it. Anne also noticed that there are very few Canada Geese on Gardom Lake now. However, there are lots of turtles.

- Janet Pattinson: got a phone call about a osprey nest on a hydro pole. She advised the caller to contact BC Hydro.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Saul at a few minutes to 5 pm. After the meeting, members enjoyed a potluck meal and a walk around the park.