



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

It was noted that there was an error about one of the outings (the club did not go to Kingfisher) but other than that, the December 2015 minutes were accepted as circulated; Moved by Margaret Filiatrault, 2nd Mike Saul.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary presented the following:

Bank Balance January 1, 2015 **\$ 5,517.49**

Revenue

Coffee	104.55	
Dues	1490.00	
Conference	140.00	
Fundraising	371.27	\$ 2,105.82

Expenditures

Administration		
Room Rent	277.20	
Newsletter/Postage	149.75	
Web Site	88.02	
Federation of B.C. Naturalists (dues)	1082.05	
Pictures	150.00	
Book on the Shuswap	500.00	
Allan Brooks Nature Centre	100.00	
Kingfisher Interpretative Centre	100.00	
Miscellaneous (Writers Union)	-79.10	\$ 2,367.92

Bank Balance December 31, 2015 **\$ 5,255.39**

Ted Hillary moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Monica Dahl.
Ted reminded us that dues are due in January.

Budget 2016

Revenue

Membership Dues	1,400.00
Coffee	100.00
Club Funds	650.00
Fund Raising	300.00
Total	\$ 2,450.00

Expenditures

Federation Dues	1,100.00
Room Rental	200.00
Newsletter/Postage	150.00
Web Site	100.00
Directors' Expenses	300.00
Young Naturalists	500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$ 2,450.00

Ted Hillary moved acceptance of the budget, 2nd Monica Dahl.

Announcements:

1. Diane Wittner will be giving a presentation in March.
2. Christmas Bird Count: final results were 82 spp spotted. 11 of the spp counted were high numbers for this count; highest count were starlings. Ted Hillary has submitted a report, and the report is posted on the naturalist website.
Second annual Enderby/Armstrong bird count: about 63 spp in total.
North Shuswap: 53 spp, quite low but about 1000 Common Redpoll.
3. Gerry Leering has moved to Kelowna. He is looking for photos of poles at the mouth of the Salmon River if anyone has any.
4. Janet Pattinson received a msg from BC Important Bird Areas Program, as well as series of presentations on the lives of bumblebees in Kelowna. She will forward any of these msgs if anyone is interested.
5. Ed McDonald brought a copy of Canadian Geographic with an article on the importance of insects and their numbers.

Business:

1. Elections:
Janet Pattinson and Clive Bryson were unable to find a vice president, and asked if anyone would consider this position. Janet Pattinson moved that the slate as read be elected as the executive of the year. 2nd Pat Turner.

2. Show and Tell:
Gillian Richardson brought a Common Redpoll for show and tell. Ed McDonald also talked about the Northern Flicker.
3. Dog owner issue:
Clive Byrson has been collecting reports of dogs on the trail and has at least four so far. Janet Aitken has also seen them from her deck at the Raven end of the trail. SABNES meets tomorrow night with Phil McIntyre Paul to discuss this.

Reports

1. SABNES:
Pat Mearns reported that there is a meeting tomorrow with the Trail Alliance. There is also a meeting with the Nature Trust BC near the end of the month about the dog situation. Pat Mearns passed the club representative role to Janet Aitken.
2. BC Nature:
Janet Pattinson talked about the goals of BC Nature. They want to be recognized as the go-to organization for info on nature. We can contribute by informing them about experts in various fields that we have in our area. They also want to strengthen the connection and participation of directors from various clubs.
2. Good News
Hanne Mackay: A 35-year-old male California condor that has served a pivotal role in returning condors to the skies above California for the past 30 years was returned to the wild in December by biologists at Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge in Kern County, California.

Sightings:

- Hanne MacKay – Red Tailed hawk on the stop sign at the railway crossing.
- Mike Saul – Peregrine Falcon
- Don Cecile – Gyrfalcon spotted on the Armstrong bird count.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, moved by Mike Saul.

After the break, Ernest Moniz from Notch Hill gave a presentation on various methods used in organic farming.