



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

The December 2016 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Isobel Anderson, 2nd Gillian Richardson.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary prepared the following for 2016:

Bank balance January 1, 2016 **\$5,255.39**

Revenue

Coffee	125.55
Dues	1650.00
Fundraising	261.36
	\$2,036.91

Expenditures

Administration:	
Room Rent	182.70
Newsletter/Postage	103.05
Website	94.32
Federation of B.C. Naturalists (dues)	1017.45
Secwepemc Fisheries Commission	500.00
S.O.R.C.O.	500.00
Christmas Bird Count	50.00
Miscellaneous	127.16
	\$2,574.68

Bank balance December 31, 2016 **\$4,717.62**

On behalf of Ted Hillary, who was not present, Ed McDonald moved acceptance of the report. 2nd Mike Saul.

The proposed budget for 2017 includes \$200 for the weed pull and \$500 for the Shuswap Outdoor Learning Foundation, to assist with the payment of Wild Wonders camp fees for those who need it.

Ed McDonald moved acceptance of the budget on behalf of Ted Hillary; 2nd Mike Saul.

Announcements:

1. Christmas Bird Counts:
There were three Christmas bird counts in the area. Our numbers: 7069 birds counted, with 74 spp, on a cold & windy day. Large number of shrikes were counted, and 6 American Dippers!

North Shuswap highlights: pygmy owl, chestnut-backed chickadee.

Sorrento area: quail

White Lake to Balmoral: Western Grebe, Yellow-Billed Loon.

Armstrong/Enderby highlights: – Townsend Solitaire, lots of eagles, Rough-Legged Hawk, one American Dipper.

2. Save Our Songbirds:
Janet Aitken and Isobel Anderson staffed a table at Plccadilly Mall for 12 hours in total, with some success. Isobel Anderson reported that many came by to see the display

Business:

1. Gerry Leering gave an update on the foreshore project.
Things are going well. Three hummocks at the Raven end of the trail will be planted in the spring, designed by Eric Reynard. They are using a Spidex – all-terrain mobile excavator.
A call has been put out through the Observer to get some volunteers with drones to take pictures from above.
2. Elections: Janet Pattinson:
 - a. Directors (no changes): Janet Aitken, Isobel Anderson, Clive Bryson, Pat Hutchins, Dorothy Parks, Janet Pattinson, and Gillian Richardson
 - b. Ted Hillary stays on as treasurer
 - c. Michelle Weisinger stays on as secretary
 - d. Ed McDonald stays on as president. Janet Pattinson has volunteered to step up as vice president.
 Janet moved to adopt this slate as leadership for this year. Roger Beardmore 2nd.

Reports:

1. No SABNES nor Good News reports this month.

Sightings:

2. Helena McGowin: Red-Tailed Hawk had captured a crow, near the college.
3. Mike Saul: saw an eagle eating something on the ice. Then a coyote came along, then another eagle. The coyote tried to steal whatever was being eaten but was unsuccessful.

4. Mike also reported that Buckerfields has heated dog dishes available now – would be good to have water with your bird feeders.

Spring AGM:

Janet Pattinson talked about the spring AGM in Lillooet – she is seeking someone to represent our group there. There would be some funds available for reimbursement, or the attendee could choose to consider that money a donation and get a tax receipt for it. Mike and Pam Saul are going and have offered a ride to anyone who would like to attend.

The club broke for coffee at 7:55 p.m., moved to adjourn by Mike Saul.

After the break, Barry Wilson presented on the cumulative effects of multiple overlapping land uses in our watershed.