



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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

Minutes:

The February 2018 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Janet Pattinson, 2nd Isobel Anderson.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary reported the following for March 2018:

Bank balance on Feb 6, 2018:

\$3,681.11

Revenue:

Dues \$105.00

Interest \$0.14

Total: \$105.14

Disbursements:

Newsletter \$67.93

Bank balance March 6, 2018: \$3,718.32

Patronage: \$0.81

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

Announcements:

1. Note from longtime member Eric Grayston – about to turn 101 years old. Ed McDonald would like to give the next bursary to TRU in Eric's name.

MOTION: to present the next TRU bursary in Eric Grayston's name. Moved by Pat Mearns, 2nd Tom Brighthouse.

2. Pat Mearns: the outings committee has come up with a list of spring outings.

Business:

1. Wildlife rescue:

Ed McDonald received a phone call from Phil McIntyre-Paul about an injured owl down on the foreshore. It was taken to Kamloops.

A young trumpeter swan was caught in the mud near Sunnybrae. Was looked after overnight by Di Wittner and taken to Kamloops by Ed and Marlene. The swan didn't make it, but the owl did.

Janet Pattinson said that the SPCA here cannot take in injured wildlife as they are not licensed. They are looking at opening a second Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centre (Wild ARC) in the Okanagan. Currently, the only SPCA facility that takes in

injured wildlife is in Metchosin.

Di offered to train a network of rescue volunteers/drivers in the area that could rescue wildlife and drive them to Kamloops.

2. Media:

Interviews with the community radio station – Janet Pattinson has been doing an 8 minute spot for the SPCA for the last four years. She would like us to do some interviews on wildlife topics, such as Save Our Songbirds, the weed pull, etc. – possibly around 15 minutes. Janet is interested in hearing from members on topic ideas and interest in being interviewed.

Reports

BC Nature – Janet Pattinson:

BC Nature has been very active recently with letter-writing on numerous topics and causes.

Announcement: Anne Caughlan has produced greeting cards with her wildflower art. They are \$2 each -- come and buy some at the break.

Sightings:

- Glyn Green phoned Ed McDonald – he spotted a Sharp Shinned Hawk and Coopers Hawk at Peter Jannink park. He has also seen lots of otters at the river mouth.
- Di Wittner – Kestrel on the powerlines near Eagle Homes.
- Ed McDonald – flock of Redpolls near Mobley Rd.
- Pat Turner: Swans on the way to Vernon.
- Roger Beardmore – couple of Killdeer by the Prestige Inn.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Hoskins.

After the break, Marijka Dake gave a presentation on coal dust coming off the trains as they pass through the Shuswap.