



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:05 pm. Isobel Anderson was back and doing much better.

Minutes:

The April 2015 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Mike Saul, 2nd Marlene McDonald.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary presented the following for March 2015:

Bank balance on April 7, 2015 **\$5,210.21**

Revenue:

Coffee	\$22.80
Dues	\$180.00
Interest	\$0.21
Total:	\$203.01

Disbursements:

Website	\$88.02
School district	\$500.00
- "Everything Shuswap" book	
Total:	\$588.02

Bank balance on May 5, 2015 **\$4,825.21**

Patronage **\$0.41**

For Nature Park: \$286.06

Fall AGM: \$3652.16

Ted Hillary moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Hanne Mackay.

Announcements:

1. Wed. May 27: weed pull along the foreshore for woody nightshade. Please bring rubber boots.
2. Great Canadian Birdathon on May 16 (previously Baillie Birdathon). Contact Geoff Styles for information if you are interested in participating.
3. Outings: Hanne Mackay – outing this coming Thursday to go to the Jespersen Solvang Tree Farm. Ponds & forested areas to explore.
4. Pam Saul: need to plan the fall coffee duties. She suggests one person for each meeting.

MOTION: Monica Dahl moves that we discontinue the refreshment part of the meetings and have a social time without refreshments.

There will be a trial period of a couple of meetings without coffee and snacks.

Business:**1. Dogs along the foreshore**

Ed McDonald has been approached by a number of people concerned about dogs and their effect on the grebes, etc. along the foreshore trail. Also, children have been throwing rocks at the osprey pole.

There is apparently a group of dog owners that deliberately take their dogs off the leash along the foreshore trail. The club discussed how to enforce the no-dogs policy. Ideas: to talk to City Council – eg through the Environmental Committee (Sherry Bowlby will do this); or, to talk to conservation officers – Ed Dahl will do this.

2. Peigi Macmillan

There is a celebration of life for Peigi Macmillan on May 1. A friend of Peigi's son sent a cheque to the club, which will be put towards the scholarship that the club offers. It will be given in honour of Peigi.

MOTION: that this year's student award be given in honour of Peigi Macmillan. Moved by Pam Saul, 2nd Alandra Nayre.

3. Show and Tell

Ed McDonald brought a dead house wren given to him by Monica Dahl. He also had a box elder (Manitoba maple) and elderberry (red elder).

Reports:**1. Gardom Lake – Anne Caughlan**

There is a proposal to put an 'environmentally friendly' boat launch at the park. Find out more about the Gardom Lake Management Plan at Gardomlakeplan.ca.

2. SABNES:

Pat Mearns reported that there was a tree-planting session recently, with 60 trees supplied by Mike Carlson.

The SABNES AGM is May 22, 7 p.m. at the District Education Centre. The guest speaker is Frank Ritcey.

3. Good news – Hanne MacKay

- a) There is a new North American agreement to improve coordination of efforts to protect bats, signed by conservation leaders from Canada, Mexico and the United States.
- b) NYC Audubon initiated the Lights Out New York program, to have buildings turn off non-essential lights from midnight to dawn during bird migration in the spring and fall.
- c) Locally, \$18,000 worth of funding has been pledged for salmonid habitat restoration as part of an agreement with the local bands.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, moved by Mike Saul.

After the break, Roger Beardmore gave a presentation on photography and his trip to Australia.