



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm. Special welcome to Heather & John Neville who are presenting this evening.

Ed presented a silver plate to Ed & Monica Dahl in recognition of their service both to the club and to the community. After having joined the club in 2004, they are moving back to Vancouver Island to be with their family.

Minutes:

The April 2016 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Janet Pattinson, 2nd Marlene McDonald.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary presented the following for April 2016:

Bank balance on March 1, 2016 **\$4,830.72**

Revenue:

Dues	\$110.00
Coffee	\$28.25
Interest	\$0.21
Total:	\$138.46

Disbursements:

Website	\$98.32
Total:	\$98.32

Bank balance on April 5, 2016 **\$4,870.86**

Patronage \$0.62

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

Announcements:

1. Wonderful recent outing to Neskonlith meadows. There are photos on the website. Next outing is to Revelstoke. Pat gave some details. Next one after that is to Rancho, on Marie Fortin's property, and will be led by Marie. June outing to Mara Meadows, mid-June. Jeremy Ayotte suggests a maximum of 8-10 people per outing, as any more makes too big a footprint. There may be more than one outing.
2. June Bryson went in for open heart surgery on May 2. Clive will keep the club posted.

Business:

1. Weed pull – May 25th. Meet at 8:45 at the interpretive centre. Pickup trucks are needed. Robyn Hooper will bring volunteers and promises pizza. Bring your own gloves if you have them, and wear old shoes and pants.
2. Gillian Anderson has written an article for the Salmon Arm Observer to educate the public on woody nightshade and the upcoming weed pull.
3. Bat presentation – will have a presentation in October on bats, by Mandy Kellner. Ed McDonald got an email from her asking if we'd like one.
4. Gerry Leering wrote the club and suggested we start putting bat houses around the foreshore.

Show & Tell: Dianne Wittner saw a Primitive Monster Cricket in her garden recently. She also had a gigantic silk moth with a 5" wingspan.

Reports:

SABNES (Tom Brighthouse): got enough grant for 5 days'week to staff the centre. Looking for funding to fund two additional days. A snake called a Blindworm was found by Tom and his friends along the foreshore trail. AGM is the last week in May; will probably be at the art gallery. Planting willows this Saturday -- meet 10 am at Christmas Island.

Environment Committee (Janet Pattinson): the committee is working on a plan with regard to the BC Climate Action Charter.

Sightings:

- Pat Turner: Mink along the foreshore trail.
(There have been a few sightings near the waterfront lately.)
- Joyce H and Michelle W have both seen a pair of muskrat lately at the beaver pond.
- Mike Saul: great horned owl, burrowing owl, and white eyed vireo (Brazil)
Pair of horned grebes and a flock of Townsend solitaires (Sicamous)
Osprey while he was fishing (White Lake).

The club broke for coffee at 7:40 p.m., moved to adjourn by Mike Saul.

After the break, John and Heather Neville gave a presentation.