

Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting - Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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

Minutes:

The April minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Anne Caughlan, 2nd by Janet Aitken.

Treasurer's Report:

Ted Hillary reported the following for April 2018:

Bank balance on April 3, 2018: \$3,344.89

Revenue:

Dues	\$170.00	
Coffee	13.45	
Interest	0.21	
Total:		\$ 183.66

Disbursements:

Web Site	\$ 94.32	
Shuswap Outdoor Learning Foundation	500.00	
Voice of the Shuswap	100.00	
Total:		\$ 694.32

Bank balance May 1, 2018: \$2,834.23

Patronage: \$ 0.89

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

Announcements:

1. Ed received a FB message from Bill showing young turtles. The Turtle Crossing sign is posted on Lakeshore Dr. Pat Mearns does our turtle count and says there are lots of little ones.
2. A message as gone out to the club from Dawn McDonald about Thursdays outing.

Business:

1. Radio Interviews are going well with Janet Pattinson as the interviewer and Di Wittner asking questions. Friday at 6pm and Monday at noon 93.7 Voice of the Shuswap. Sarah Weaver has listened and said the interviews are very well done.
2. SABNES Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, May 23, 7:00 pm at the School Board Office. Di Wittner is the speaker.

3. Nest Box report by Di Wittner: Most are occupied. New owl boxes have been put up and the old duck box has been refurbished. See Di if you want to help monitor boxes.
4. Wildlife Rescue report by Di Wittner. She's been to Kamloops Wildlife Ctr. They don't want to train us but it's OK to bring animals to them. They don't take fawns, coyotes, Bluebirds etc. What do we do? A few people in the club and at the College would like some training from Di. Janet P. asked the question, "Are we protected if we are taking them to a facility like a vet or to Kamloops?" Yes, but you can't "hold" the animals without trouble from the Wildlife authorities.
MOTION: We proceed with the Wildlife Rescue program. Moved by Janet Aitken, 2nd by Hannah MacKay.
5. Save Our Songbirds report by Janet Aitken. The committee has changed the name to SAVE SHUSWAP SONGBIRDS. A logo is being made by Hucul Printing. The Instagram account is almost set up. An email will soon be sent out re stilt walking.
6. Ed reminded the club to put make a small donation for coffee and goodies.
7. Molly Cooperman gave an Adams River Salmon Society slide presentation. She has joined their Board. This year is a peak year (every 4 yrs.) and the theme is "Calling the Salmon Home". Salute to the Sockeye Festival 2018 takes place during the month of October.

Sightings:

- Greg Wiebe: 3 Sandhill Cranes this morning, flying high north of Grindrod. Ed mentioned there is a pair at White Lake.
- Pam Saul: Sandhill Cranes last week in Turtle Valley.
- Kyle: double crested Cormorant NW of the wharf and a possible Rusty Blackbird on the wharf.
- Hannah MacKay: 2 Sandhill Cranes and a Silvertip Fox with a mouse in Lone Butte area and 10 Mountain sheep south of Clinton.
- Mike Saul: a massive flock (10's of thousands) of Yellow headed Blackbirds in Mexico.
- Someone else saw 40 elk and sea lions on a trip.

Move to adjourn at 7:50 by Mike Saul.

After the coffee break, Di Wittner gave a presentation of her trip to Africa. The photos were outstanding.