



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

There was an error in the treasurer's report of the April 2019 minutes. Otherwise, they were accepted as circulated; moved by Janet Pattinson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ted Hillary reported the following for May 2019:

Bank balance on Apr 1, 2019:	\$5,101.81
Revenue:	
Dues	\$245.00
Coffee	\$28.25
Interest	\$0.40
Total:	\$273.65
Disbursements:	
Website	\$99.62
Poles for birdhouses	\$727.37
Total	\$826.99
Bank balance May 7, 2019:	\$4,548.47
Patronage:	\$0.89

Ted moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Gillian Richardson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Marg Wrench passed away last month. She was at the club before Ed McDonald became president. She loved birds but her passion was flowers, and she was a longtime member of the garden club. Her daughter has recently joined our club. **MOTION:** to present the next club scholarship in Marg's name. Moved by Janet, 2nd Claire Meunier.
2. On the last outing to Beaver Lake, two members found that they had a tick. One of the upcoming outing is to the Pritchard area – this may pose a risk for getting ticks, so wear long pants and check yourself when you get home.

3. Raffle for coffee break – plates with bird artwork. Tickets are 25 each, and put your name in the bowl of the one you'd like. They were donated by Pat Danforth.
4. Ed McDonald received a note from a student at UBCO who is taking classes with Kyle Fitzpatrick. She will teach at the outdoor school, and would like to know that she can rely on our club if she needs help.
5. Ed also received a phone call from Amanda Bowlby – she is a teacher and is taking her class to Larch Hills. She would like 1-2 members to come and help identify plants and birds.
6. Wildlife Rescue started April 29. McDonalds recently took a batch of 7 orphaned mallards to the BC Wildlife Park rescue centre in Kamloops.
7. The heron colony on 4th street has now produced 8 chicks. This should be the first wave of numerous young.

BUSINESS

1. SPCA – Janet P: The SPCA folks have spoken to the CEO about a possible wildlife rescue facility for Salmon Arm, and he is apparently open to the idea. We do need about two acres available to accommodate it.
Janet Aitken and Tom Brighthouse: cat collars with certain colours are being shown to reduce bird predation. More info at birdsbesafe.com. Maybe the collars could be given out if we get a grant.
2. Weed Pull – Ed feels that the water is too deep for a club activity, unless the water levels go down by May 29th. Perhaps we could hire someone to pull the weeds.
3. Basking logs are needed for the turtles at the Prestige Inn and at McGuire Lake.
4. Bird box report: Di Wittner is not present, but Ed reports on her behalf: total number of bird boxes available from Peter Jannink Park to the end of the foreshore trail = 94. Three of those are for ducks. One owl box, and a chickadee/nuthatch box. 89 swallow/bluebird boxes. 250-835-8608 – let Di know if anyone would like to monitor a box.
5. Logo – Sarah Weaver: She and Dorothy Parks spent time with Hucul printers, and have received favourable feedback from the executive. It's now more polished, and now also a colour version (green & white).
6. Show and Tell: Ed brought a copy of *The Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History*, written by Robin Wall Kimmerer, an indigenous writer.

REPORTS

Janet Aitken – SABNES: The AGM is on May 28 at the school board office.

SIGHTINGS

- Pat Danforth – 2 Western Tanagers in her mountain ash tree.
- Gillian Richardson – had a Western Tanager in her birdbath.
- Ed McDonald – had a number of Yellow-Rumped Warblers.

- Ted Hillary – the Pelicans have returned today.
- Sarah Weaver –American Avocet. She also saw a Horned Grebe at Kalamalka Lake.
- Tom Brighthouse – just got back from Ocean Shores in WA where he saw 20 Black Bellied Plovers.

Motion to adjourn by at 7:50 pm by Ed McDonald, speaking for Mike Saul who is in China!

After the break, Teacher Dace Ramsay gave an update on his program to incorporate watershed sustainability into his classroom. He used photos showing his students working on the various tasks.