



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 7, 2017

Janet Pattinson welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm. There was a smaller crowd tonight as the outdoor education meeting was going on at the same time.

Minutes:

The October 2017 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Mike Saul, 2nd Jim Hoskins.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary reported the following for October 2017:

Bank balance October 3, 2017	\$3,924.68
Revenue	
Dues	75.00
Interest	0.16
	\$75.16
Expenditures	
Room Rental	\$182.70
Postage	\$44.63
	\$227.33
Bank balance November 7, 2017	\$3,772.51
Patronage	\$0.81

Ted Hillary moved acceptance of the report. 2nd Pat Turner.

Reminder: Memberships are \$25 single, and \$30 couple or family.

Announcements:

1. Thank you to volunteers, as well as a special thanks to those who came out to the invasive species weed pull in October. Thanks also to the refreshment team, as well as to the outings committee for organizing. The outings are now done for this season.
2. This year's chosen student will receive his/her award from the Shuswap Naturalists at TRU in Kamloops in November. This year, the award is being presented in memory of Leslie Stoddart.

Business:

1. Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, Nov 2: discussion on the watershed and hydrology of our area, related to flooding hazard. Discussion also on the forestry of the area and fire risk mitigation. The Committee has three members-at-large positions: Barry Wilson, Sherry Bowlby, and the third is currently vacant.
2. BC Nature: letters to the government voicing our opposition to the wolf kill as well as our opposition to grizzly hunting. The Central Okanagan Naturalists Club has agreed to host the 2018 Fall AGM.
3. Pat Turner found some interesting historical tidbits regarding bird life in the Shuswap.
4. Save Our Songbirds: Gillian Richardson – the group has been inactive lately.
5. Question regarding weed pull: could we not pair up with one of the service clubs in town that have younger, stronger members that could provide some muscle power?
6. Pat Turner wrote a letter to the government regarding logging in the Clearwater valley and its impact on caribou habitat. She did receive a response, but it wasn't promising.
7. Christmas Bird Count – Ted Hillary: will be held on Sunday, Dec 17. Starts about 9 in the morning, and around 3:00-ish we will meet at the seniors' centre on Hudson Ave.
8. Molly Cooperman announced that she is starting to help Geoff and Emily Styles with Nature Kids (formerly Young Naturalists). Upcoming events include shelter building at Coyote Park, and in December, Geoff will do a Christmas bird count with the kids. Please email salmonarm@naturekids.bc.ca if anyone would be interested in leading an outing or being a mentor. She has also started a Facebook page.

Sightings:

- Gillian Richardson: Ruffed Grouse in her scarlet hawthorn tree this evening.
- Mike Saul: Western Grebe on White Lake – last Tues. First time he's seen one there. Also two Grey Crowned Rosy Finches.
- Pat Mearns: Great Blue Heron.

- Ted Hillary: Gray-Crowned Rosy Finches near Peter Jannink Park.

The club broke for coffee at 7:30 p.m.

After the break, Dave Ramsay gave an update on his and Barry Wilson's environmental project for high school students.