



## Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Ed McDonald welcomed everyone at 7:00 pm along with a few new faces.

### Minutes:

The June and September 2015 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Sharon Lawless, 2nd Janet Pattinson.

### Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary presented the following:

**Bank balance on June 2, 2015**                      **\$4,968.26**

#### *Revenue:*

BC Nature    \$293.30

Interest     \$0.21

**Total:**     **\$293.51**

#### *Disbursements:*

Shuswap Community Fdn                      \$300.00

**Total:**     **\$300.00**

**Bank balance on October 6, 2015**           **\$4,961.77**

Ted Hillary moved acceptance of the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Isobel Anderson.

### Announcements:

1. Outings: there was a recent outing to the Vernon tree planting station, followed by a visit to the Allan Brooks Nature Centre. Clare Meunier suggested a donation to the centre as they have many expenses.

**MOTION:** Clare Meunier moved that the Shuswap Naturalists Club donate \$100 to the Allan Brooks Society. Second Peter Lawless.

The next outing will be to the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre.

2. A Celebration of Nature: takes place Sunday, October 18 at the Field House. This is being put on jointly by the Shuswap Naturalist Club and the Shuswap Association of Writers.
3. Christmas Bird Count: this year's date for the Christmas Bird Count will be Sunday, Dec. 20: The community room at Askews has been booked.

**Business:**

## 1. Show and Tell

Ed McDonald had a female Belted Kingfisher specimen, provided by Pat Turner, and he described the species. He also brought a Barn Owl pellet because kingfishers also produce pellets.

Ed McDonald also had photos of two Little Brown Bats that were found in his porch light over the summer.

Tom Brighthouse had a specimen to show that had hit his window – was thought to be either a Flycatcher or a Western Wood Peewee. It was in good condition and would be taken to the interpretive centre.

## 2. Club member Gerry Leering gave a presentation on the enhancements being made to the Salmon Arm Bay foreshore area.

**Reports**

## 1. Environmental Advisory Committee

Janet Pattinson: Salmon Arm is looking at a study for flood hazard. Also the Climate Action Charter, which was signed some years back. What more can be done by the city and the citizens? Environmental Bill of Rights.

On another topic: Clive Bryson and Janet Pattinson have formed a Succession Planning Committee to find someone to serve as Vice President and commit to serve as President in due time.

## 2. Good news

Hanne MacKay was not present.

## 3. Young Naturalists

Geoff Styles was not present. Ed McDonald reported on the recent outing (the previous Sunday) to Larch Hills to look at mushrooms, lichen and moss.

**Sightings:**

- John Henderson: had bats in his yard tonight.
- Greg Wiebe: Shuswap River has sockeye now.
- Ed McDonald: reported on an email that the club received through the website that a woman and her husband saw two roadrunners on a visit to Salmo Arm. Ed thinks they might have been Ruffed Grouse or female pheasants.
- Clare Meunier: the special „knitted tree“ at the art gallery is worth seeing.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, moved by Margaret Filiatrault.

After the break, Norm Embree gave a presentation on on the role of Nature Trust BC.