



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 3, 2017

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

Minutes:

The September 2017 minutes were accepted as circulated; moved by Pat Mearns, 2nd Sheri Bowlby.

Treasurer's report:

Ted Hillary reported the following for September 2017:

Bank balance September 4, 2017	\$3,849.05
Revenue	
Dues	120.00
Interest	0.15
	\$120.15
Expenditures	
Copies	\$44.52
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Bank balance October 3, 2017	\$3,924.68
Patronage	\$0.81

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

Announcements:

1. One of our members – Eric Grayston – turned 100 recently. Ed & Marlene McDonald sent him one of Anne Caughlan's art cards on behalf of the club.
2. Outings: Syphon Falls in Gleneden coming up, along with the foreshore walk.
3. Fall General Meeting (Janet Pattinson)
In Vernon in Sept. Lots of news from BC Nature.
 - Marg Cuthbert urging us all to become mentors for science fairs. BC Nature gives prizes to each district to a student who does a project on conservation or similar subject between Feb and April.
 - Spring meeting in 2018 will be held in Vancouver.

- BC Nature would like the clubs to post more things on the BC Nature website.
- Nature Kids is growing. Offering more camps for next year.
- A ,strongly worded' letter was sent to the ministry to ask to completely ban the grizzly hunt.

Business:

1. Outdoor school proposal:
Pat Danforth & Dawn McDonald: The idea is to develop a school that engages students with the local ecosystem. Age range has not yet been determined. A few more meetings are still planned to flesh out details.
2. Foreshore nightshade weed pull scheduled for Wed Oct 18. Snacks, waiver forms, gloves, garbage bags, and a tent will be provided by CSISS. Will be joined by a group from Revelstoke. We do need some pickup trucks.
3. Show & Tell (Ed McDonald): Polyphemous Moth. Ed has a cocoon at the moment, from a caterpillar they found with their grandchildren at Sunnybrae. He expects it to hatch in May or June.
4. Di Wittner is going to clean out the bird boxes on the foreshore. She would like to mark the boxes and keep records of what's going on (eg whether they're occupied, etc). Some of them needs to be moved – Jim Hoskins will take care of this.

Reports:

Sabnes report: record number of visitors to the interpretive centre this summer. The foreshore path is still quite messy from the flooding. Di Wittner is doing a biological survey.

Sightings:

Loretta Prosser: owl ate one of the bats in her bat house.

Tom Brighthouse: only one bluebird. Some meadowlarks however.

Geoff Styles reported seeing approximately 1000 swallows over a corn patch in Enderby.

The club broke for coffee at 7:55 p.m., moved to adjourn by Mike Saul.

After the break, nature and wildlife photographer Janet Brown presented on grizzly bears.