

Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ed McDonald welcomed 12 members to the picnic meeting at Sunnybrae Hall (under the canopy, out of the light rain) at 11:07 am. Marlene distributed the latest edition of the Newsletter (one correction on page 9...weed pull date is Oct 5).

Minutes:

The minutes of the June meeting were unavailable. You will be able to read them at the website shortly.

Treasurer's Report:

Ted Hillary sent his Financial Statement for September 6, 2016

Bank Balance June 7		\$4907.89
Receipts:		
Dues	90.00	
Coffee	35.05	
Invasive Species Council	200.00	
Refund for copies (re:UPS)	100.00	
Interest	.58	
		\$422.63
Disbursements:		
Secwesemc Fisheries	500.00	\$500.00
Commission (see Newsletter)		
Balance for September 6, 2016		\$ 4830.52
Patronage SASCU		.62

(Nature Park - \$286.06)
(Fall AGM - \$3652.16)

Marlene McDonald moved acceptance of the report, 2nd Sid Visser
Since UPS Store has closed, Wickett Business Services will be our 'go to' store for copies. Their deal of 4.5 cents/page for the newsletter was excellent. We are urged to support this Salmon Arm business.

Announcements:

1) Janet Aiken will be heading a committee to organize an educational event at the Salmar Theatre in November (Thurs 3rd evening and/or Sunday 13th afternoon). The centerpiece of the event will be a showing of the film, The Messenger (Songbird SOS Productions Inc), which documents the critical plight of songbirds worldwide due to human activity. Funds collected will be used to support a cause, to be determined, related to raising awareness of the songbird dilemma. If you are interested in helping on the committee, contact Janet or Ed.

2) Outings: Watch for the complete list to be posted at the website.
Sept 15 – Reinecker Creek Trail, above Margaret Falls to view pioneer plants

Sept 29 – Brian and Eva Smith property off Mallory Road, south of Gardom Lake

3) Roger Beardmore needs volunteer street marshals for the Sept 17 Bike for Life event in Salmon Arm. The event supports the Second Harvest Food Bank. Contact Roger if you can help out.

4) Weed Pull – Our first 2 assaults on woody nightshade have proven effective (24 workers collected 74 bags), but there are still large areas to remove. The third weed pull takes place Wed Oct 5, with support from the Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Council. Announcements will be placed in local media with an invitation to the public to get involved in 3 jobs: pull, bag or transport to landfill. In particular, we need volunteers with pickups as several of those participating last time are unavailable. Mark the date on your calendar. Woody nightshade, here we come again!

Business:

1) Elections (January) – Ed is hoping for an extensive list of members eager to run for office for the coming year. Is it time to take your turn as President, Vice-President or Treasurer....or any other position?

Reports:

Due to the small turnout for the meeting, there were no committee reports.

Sightings:

Ed McDonald – a pileated woodpecker greeted us at the picnic today. Western grebes have been seen in Tappen Bay all summer, and Ed suspects they may have nested there: 19 adults, 4-5 juveniles spotted in August. Also some red-necked grebes nested in the bay. Ospreys in the area produced at least 7 young.

June Bryson – pelicans at Christmas Island

Dorothy Parks – a badger at her home in Heron View. See the photo in the Newsletter.

Shelley Wallace – loons in Blind Bay

Clive Bryson – a stoat (mink, or weasel) near the wharf

Motion to adjourn at 12:01 pm

Tasty picnic fare was enjoyed, along with visiting after the meeting. And the sun came out!