

**Shuswap Naturalist Club General Meeting**  
**September 3, 2019**  
**Sunnybrae Park**

Ed McDonald began meeting at 11:15, welcoming everyone present.

**MINUTES**

Ted Hillary moved acceptance of June meeting minutes, 2ns Pat Mearns.  
It was noted that the two baby heron taken to the Kamloops Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre mentioned in last minutes actually did survive and have been released.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ted Hillary reported the following for September 2019:

Bank balance on June 4, 2019		\$4,374.01
Receipts		
Dues	\$25.00	
Coffee	\$23.35	
Interest	\$0.89	\$49.24
Disbursements		
None		
Bank Balance September 3, 2019		\$4,423.25
Patronage		\$0.89

Ted moved acceptance of the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Wiebe.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Gary Hunt, BC Nature Regional Coordinator for Southern Interior, will be attending our October meeting. He asked to visit and observe, but Ed has asked him to be his show and tell.
2. Lorraine Prosser wants to know who is making bat houses. She would like to have them for the next season.

**BUSINESS**

1. Two new requests for volunteers for leading nature walks:
  - a) An early childhood education class at the college. Cathy Meakes volunteered to help Ed with this.
  - b) Jackson School, a grade nine class – to study the ecology of the of the foreshore.
2. The Grebe count numbers have shown stability over the past four years. These numbers compare very favorably with those from the early 1990's when we first

started to keep count records, but this is deceptive since at that time there were five nesting sites in BC. Ours is now the only site left in the province. This shows why we must continue to fight for the health of our bay.

3. Wildlife rescue:

- a) Carla Kirkpatrick found a badly injured crow. Upon examination, Di Wittner found it had been shot - three pellets. It could not be saved.
- b) An osprey was electrocuted during Roots and Blues (not a rescue).
- c) Di picked up a young heron near South Canoe School, injured while making its maiden flight.
- d) A juvenile Merlin, a Northern Flicker and another baby heron were all taken to the Kamloops Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

#### OUTINGS

The two outings scheduled for the month are the ever-popular Eagle River Nature Trail and the Larch Hills Interpretive Trail.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Greg Wiebe at 12 noon and followed by a most enjoyable visiting and lunch.