



## Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

Ed welcomed everyone at 7:05 p.m, and wished us all a Happy New Year. The recent events in which large numbers of birds fell out of the sky in the US were acknowledged.

### Minutes:

Mike Saul noted that there was an error in December's minutes – the February meeting for SABNES was not an AGM but rather just a directors' meeting. The AGM will happen in May. Otherwise, acceptance of the December minutes as circulated was moved by Marlene, 2nd Jim.

### Treasurer's report:

Ted submitted the financial statement for 2010 as well as a budget for 2011. The contents of these items can be found following the minutes.

Ted moved acceptance of the statement, 2nd Mike.

Ted moved acceptance of the budget, 2nd Joanne.

Ted also mentioned that membership fees were due today.

### Announcements:

1. Kee Two

A donation of \$100 was given to Karen after having been voted on by the executive. A further \$140 could be given to her as the club will be saving this amount by not renting a post office box this year.

**MOTION:** To donate \$140 to Kee Two, moved by Hanne, 2nd Joanne. Carried.

Karen has been looking after injured wildlife for 22 years and is ready to retire. She may close her operation in March but is still looking for a successor.

2. Christmas Bird Count

A total of 70 species were counted this year, with a grand total of 6135 birds.

3. Sorrento Centre

Ed received a phone call from Dave, a teacher at Sorrento Centre

### Business:

1. Executive - Joanne

Officially, all executive will stay on as before. Thank you to Ed & Marlene and all of the executive for doing a great job in 2010.

**MOTION:** To reinstate the executive slate as it was in 2010. Moved by Joanne, 2nd James.

## Reports

### 1. SABNES

Don – had nothing to report. Mike Saul has membership renewal forms in case anyone is interested.

### 2. Environmental

Last meeting of the environmental committee saw discussion about pesticide use in the city as well as the Sturgis proposal for the motorcycle festival.

### 3. Good News – Hanne

A) Sea otters are reported to be one of the highest animal carbon sinks; it has been calculated that the animals remove at least 0.18 kilograms of carbon from the atmosphere for every square metre of occupied coastal waters.

B) Saltwater crocodile has been found to ride currents and make journeys up to several hundred km, according to recent data using transmitters.

C) Whale beachings found to be caused by sonar signals put out by ships; this knowledge can now be used to help reduce the incidence of beachings

D) In the interest of animal welfare, China is banning live animal shows at its zoos.

## Sightings

- Joanne: Great Horned Owl calling in birch trees outside her house
- Ted: Great Horned Owl sitting above his feeders; a Barred Owl in Sunnybrae; and a Common Redpoll
- Karen: porcupine at Kee Two
- Ed M: his mountain ash tree is full of Varied Thrush

Motion to adjourn by Mike at 7:40 p.m.

After the meeting Gene Puetz gave a presentation on how the salmon run went this year in the Salmon River.

# Shuswap Naturalist Club

## Financial Statement 2010

<b>Bank Balance January 1, 2010</b>		<b>\$ 11,044.01</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Coffee	106.03	
Dues	1307.00	
Shuswap Comm. Foundation - Bursary	663.00	
Fundraising	271.50	<b>\$ 2,347.53</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Administration		
Room Rent	194.88	
Post Office Box	136.50	
Newsletter/Postage	55.86	
Web Site	88.02	
Christmas Bird Count	40.00	
Federation of B.C. Naturalists (dues)	896.00	
B.C. Nature (donation)	71.50	
Bursary	750.00	
S.E.A.S.	150.00	
Nature Park	6,649.58 Note 1	
Miscellaneous	21.19	<b>\$ 9,053.53</b>
<b>Bank Balance December 31, 2010</b>		<b>\$ 4,338.01</b>

Note 1: \$3,350.42 committed for upgrading Peter Jannink Nature Park

# Shuswap Naturalists Club

## Budget 2011

### Revenue

Membership Dues	1,350.00
Coffee	100.00
Club Funds	4,340.00
Community Foundation (Bursary)	650.00
Fund Raising	1,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,240.00</b>

### Expenditures

Federation Dues	950.00
Post Office Box	150.00
Room Rental	200.00
Newsletter/Postage	100.00
Web Site	100.00
Directors' Expenses	250.00
Young Naturalists	250.00
Bursary	750.00
Arts Council Dues	35.00
Nature Park	3,350.00
Bird Check List	2,000.00
Miscellaneous e.g. honorarium, Christmas Bird Count	105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,240.00</b>