



Shuswap Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Ed welcomed everyone at 7:00 p.m including a few new members.

Minutes:

Joyce wanted to clarify that the City had hired someone to trap beavers at the waterfront **in the past** but is not continuing to do so now. Janet mentioned that the name of the student recipient of this year's bursary was wrongly noted previously – her name is Lorena Tillotson. Otherwise, the minutes were accepted as circulated. Moved by John, 2nd Mike.

Treasurer's report:

Ted presented the financial statement for 2011 – this can be found at the end of the minutes. Ted moved acceptance of the statement, 2nd Hanne.

Ted also presented the budget for 2012 – this can be found after the financial statement following the minutes. Ted moved acceptance of the budget, 2nd Marlene.

Announcements:

1. New flight pen
Karen Beggs - There is a new flight pen in Invermere, at Dr. Xander's vet clinic; to be used for rehabilitating hawks and other large birds.
2. Mike & the osprey
Clive Bryson – Clive wanted to commend Mike Saul for rescuing an osprey with an injured leg and taking it to the vet. (Unfortunately the bird died). As a token of appreciation, Clive presented Mike with one of his osprey photos, enlarged.
3. Letter to City Council regarding beaver trapping
Ed Dahl said he'd write a letter about this matter to the City Council; and Hanne Mackay said she'd write about this matter to the newspapers.
4. Barb Hillary asked Ed M. to thank everyone involved with the Christmas Bird Count social. Once again it was a great success, and fun was had by all.

Business:

1. Little Mountain Park
Sandra – The Friends of Little Mountain Park idea is going well so far, with approximately 40-50 names on the email list so far. There was a suggestion that it be put in Nature's Corner in Lakeshore News to spread the word.
2. Mistletoe
There is a shortage of mistletoe due to drought and climate change. Here in BC we have dwarf mistletoe; with no leaves but rather scales. It is spread when the seeds are explosively ejected after saturation by water.
3. Elections
Joanne moves the endorsement of officers as stands; 2nd James.

President Ed McDonald; vice president Ed Dahl; secretary Michelle Weisinger; treasurer Ted Hillary; and directors Clare Meunier, Dorothy Park, Janet Pattinson, Gillian Richardson, and Gary Carder.

A sixth director is still needed – please come and talk to Joanne if you are interested.

Reports

1. SABNES – Don
Nothing to report
2. Ted – further to Geoff Styles' report, bird populations have crashed due in part to the dam construction in South Korea.
3. Good News – Hanne
 - a. One third of all amphibian species may have yet to be found. Also more land mammal species are expected to be discovered.
 - b. Habitat destruction is not happening as quickly as originally thought. In fact it is happening at half the rate.
 - c. A team of scientists have created a 'StripeSpotter' scanner to identify individual zebras in a photo by taking a picture of their stripes and inputting these into a stripe code database.

Sightings

- Helga emailed Ed M. regarding a Great Grey Owl on Hadow Rd.
- Tom & Elenor Marshall reported that there were a herd of elk on Deep Creek Rd.
- Frank Kime, on his recent trip to Alberta, saw approximately 20 Blue Jays.
- Hanne – shrike in North Broadview area. Also, on her recent drive down from the Larch Hills ski area, a bobcat crossed the road.
- Joyce – had some old niger seed in her feeder which wasn't getting eaten by the birds, but when she put out fresh seed, it was devoured by the goldfinches.
- Ed Dahl – had an American Kestrel near his house.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., moved by Mike.

After the break, Sandra Seale gave a slide presentation on her fall trip to China.

Shuswap Naturalist Club

Financial Statement 2011

Bank Balance January 1, 2011 **\$ 4,338.01**

Revenue

Coffee	60.61	
Dues	1440.00	
Shuswap Comm. Foundation - Bursary	659.00	
Fundraising	560.10	
S.A.B.N.E.S. -- Checklists	375.00	
Credit Union -- Checklists	900.00	\$ 3,994.71

Expenditures

Administration		
Room Rent	194.88	
Post Office Box	-12.29	
Newsletter/Postage	145.49	
Web Site	93.89	
Christmas Bird Count	50.10	
Federation of B.C. Naturalists (dues)	998.20	
Bursary	750.00	
Kee-Two	247.00	
Checklist	1499.24	
Wetlands Protection Fund	100.00	
Nature Park	3,000.00	\$ 7,066.51

Bank Balance December 31, 2011 **\$ 1,266.21**

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Budget 2012

Revenue

Membership Dues	1,400.00
Coffee	75.00
Club Funds	1,265.00
Community Foundation (Bursary)	650.00
Fund Raising	400.00

Total **\$ 3,790.00**

Expenditures

Federation Dues	1,150.00
Room Rental	250.00
Newsletter/Postage	200.00
Web Site	125.00
Directors' Expenses	350.00
Young Naturalists	250.00
Bursary	750.00
Nature Park	350.00
Miscellaneous e.g. honorarium,	365.00

Total **\$ 3,790.00**