

Shuswap Naturalist Club General Meeting
Peter Jannink Nature Park
Tuesday, June 1, 2010

The meeting opened shortly after 4:00 with Ed welcoming everyone present. The membership expressed their thanks to Clive for the outstanding grebe photo that had been forwarded on to them. The identification of a beetle discovered on a pine tree on the Enderby outing last week remains a mystery. Clive and Ward Strong are pursuing this. (*See it on the club website.*)

Minutes

Motion: Accept minutes as circulated.
Moved by Ted. 2nd Sherry.

Treasurer's Report

Ted reported:

Bank Balance on May 6, 2010		\$10,958.97
Receipts	nil	
Disbursements		
Plaque	405.44	
Nature Park	6244.14	
Bank Balance on June 2, 2010		\$4,309.39

Ted also noted that the park fund balance is now \$3,350.

Motion: Acceptance of this report. Moved by Ted. 2nd Monica.

Announcements

1. Outings – The outings in May were wonderful, enjoyable and very educational. Participants thought them among the very best we have had. Dorothy noted that all three were volunteered by members. The outings planned for June are to White Lake and Mt. Ida.
2. Park – The gravel paths are done. The rock has been placed and the plaque has been secured, with wild flowers surrounding it to follow. That leaves the weeds, which will be taken care of with the money remaining in the fund.
3. Saturday Birding – Ed and Monica report that there has been small but loyal participation.
4. Regional District – Ed and Ed took the office staff on a noon hour walk along the Naturalists' Trail and boardwalk. They again gave the club a \$50 donation for this.
5. Book – Ted showed us a copy of Wildlife Afield which has an article on the Clark's Grebe. Much of the information came from Frank Kime and the article is dedicated to him. Ed D's past two years of monitoring is also recognized.

Business

1. AGM – Mike reported on the conference. He and Pam brought back an assortment of brochures to share with the club. They especially enjoyed the Thursday outing to see the reclamation of the abandoned mine site near Logan Lake. Anne Murray told Mike it is unlikely that the Salmon Arm Bay will be designated as an Important Bird Area because there has been a change in the criteria.

Reports

1. SABNES – Don reported that the annual Nature Centre clean-up has been done, and the plan is to keep it open seven days a week throughout the summer. The “no dog” signs are up. The AGM was a success. John Vivian’s outstanding presentation on the restoration of the Salmon River was very well received. Don and Ed D. missed Thursday’s club outing because they were in Kamloops picking up a new outhouse for the nature trail.
2. YNC – Sherry reported that the next outings will be a bug outing with Helga and Ward Strong, followed June 26th with a visit to the college to look through microscopes. Ed expressed his delight in the young naturalists when he went on their foreshore outing.
3. Gardom Lake – Helga gave us the good news that the rushes on Gardom Lake are again full of dragonflies and damselflies. This follows the removal of the perch from the lake.
4. Good News – Hanne, in looking for some good news in the Gulf oil spill, hopes that people finally may understand the problems in off shore drilling and that it might save our west coast and Arctic.
Peigi reported seeing a rookery of Black Crown Night Heron and Snowy Egret on a busy highway in San Diego.
Clive, now a member for one year, expressed how much he has enjoyed and values the club. He presented a picture of the lichens seen on the Vivian farm to Ed.

Adjournment

Moved by Dorothy at 4:50.

Members then walked the path to see the rock with the plaque honouring MaryLou where Frank, Clive and Ed shared a few memories of her.

Again the potluck supper was superb, with good food and most enjoyable company.