

**Shuswap Naturalist Club Meeting  
Peter Jannink Park  
June 7, 2011**

Twenty-five hardy members gathered in the covered shelter in Peter Jannink Park in spite of the rain. Ed called the meeting to order at 4:10 welcoming everyone present.

**Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as circulated. Moved by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clare.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ted reported the following as of June 7, 2011

Bank Balance on May 2, 2011			<b>\$5,018.03</b>
Receipts			
Dues	60.00		
Coffee	16.15		
Checklist	375.00 (SABNES)	<b>\$461.15</b>	
Disbursements			
Checklist	1499.24	<b>\$1,499.24</b>	
Bank Balance on June 7, 2011			<b>\$3,979.94</b>

Ted moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John, acceptance of the report.

- Of the current balance, \$3,350.42 is allocated to the Nature Park.
- A cheque for \$750 for the bursary is being sent to Thompson Rivers University. We will be receiving the money from our bursary fund with the Salmon Arm Community Foundation in August.

**Announcements**

1. Flood plain - The Neskonlith Indian Band is demanding that the City of Salmon Arm engage in proper consultation regarding the proposed Smart Centres development. Ed D. reported that the band has submitted a report to Council by Michael Church, an expert in flood hazard and risk assessment. Church states that the potential flood hazard of the development has not been properly assessed.
2. Checklist – The new bird checklist is done. The finished product (selling at \$3) was presented to the membership. Dorothy was thanked for her masterful creation of the whole thing and Ted for his hard work in compiling the bird data.
3. Nature's Corner - Ed thanked Molly for doing the last column in Lakeshore News. Gillian and John Coffey are scheduled to do future columns. Anyone else? Please let Ed know.
4. Outings – Our last outing was to Pine Ridge. We counted a total of 40 bird species and 40 plants in bloom. The next outing will be to the Salmon Arm Executive Golf Course, led by Val Janzen. We will see what they have achieved and what progress they have made with their conservation plans.

5. Birdathon - \$965 was raised for Bird Studies Canada through our members' participation. We expect 10 to 25% of this amount to come back to our club.

### **Business**

1. Garage Sale – Gary has offered to host a garage sale at his home in Appleyard. Members present were in favour and a Saturday in June will be chosen for this.
2. Book Review – Molly reported on Central Beauty: Wildflowers and Flowering Shrubs of the Southern Interior of B.C. by Neil Jennings. This book, published by Rocky Mountain Books, proved very useful on the Pine Ridge outing. Dorothy gave a short review on Wild Berries of B.C., published by Lone Pine Press. Look for her full review in our September newsletter. The book covers 111 varieties of berries. (*Dorothy's cake made from one of the recipes was delicious.*)

### **Reports**

1. SABNES – Don reported the election of officers at their AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The opening of the Brighthouse Centre took place on the 28<sup>th</sup>. A very keen summer student (Liz) is now manning the centre. The building has received a new coat of paint.
2. Environment – Janet reported that the District Environment Meeting for May was cancelled because there were no items for the agenda.  
Squirrels – Roger reported that a family of squirrels has moved into their attic. A professional is coming to advise them. Karen reminded them to make sure that no newborn were left if they were trapping the adults.  
Dandelions – In view of the city's discussion of herbicide use for cosmetic purposes and CBC's covering of Calgary's new by-laws about dandelions, members discussed the positive uses for dandelions. Listed were: greens for salad, latex, roots for drink, flowers for wine, a nitrogen fixer for the soil and seeds to feed Pine Siskens, Goldfinch and White Crown Sparrows. A good year for dandelions means a good year for the bees.

### **Sightings**

Ed D. – family with 4 young Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Mike – Canada Geese tending to 19 goslings  
John P. – Polythemus moth in their back yard  
Lorrie – pair of California Quail

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Mike

A wonderful pot luck supper was enjoyed by all – great visiting and wonderful food.