

Minutes of the Chilliwack Field Naturalists Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 6, 2018

Margaret Tranah's home, Chilliwack

Present: Scott Denkers, Lee Larkin, Janne Perrin, Janet Pollock, Fernando Selles, Paulina Selles, Margaret Tranah.

- 1. Call to order at 7:25 pm**
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting** – Motion for adoption by Scott, seconded by Lee and approved by executive.
- 3. Approval of the agenda** – Approved, with additions as we go along.
- 4. Business arising from the minutes**
 - a) Treasurer Records – Janet will leave historic records as they are in a box.
 - b) Chilliwack Foundation Grant – Lee was able to get a grant for approximately \$2,000. This will be used for native flower plantings for pollinators at Camp River on April 7th, 2018.
- 5. New Business**
 - a) Speakers – Jessie Corey, CPAWS, will be presenting at the club's February regular meeting. Emily Johnson, Vancouver Mammal Rescue Centre will be speaker at AGM on March 20th. Scott Yaeger on Jones Lake and/or mesocarnivores in September. Terry McIntosh on habitat and rare species in October. Mike Pearson talk on the effectiveness of habitat restoration in November. Fernando will be willing to give us a talk on sustainability and agriculture if Wayne is not available to speak on spiders in April.
 - b) Field Trips – We try to pair trips with speaker arrangements. In May we have been invited to UBC Botanical Garden to see the native plant collection. The executive discussed other spots like Willband in March. Janne will check with other clubs to see what field trips they have organized.
 - c) Newsletter – Janne will publish newsletters quarterly going forward. When Janne emails the newsletter out she will also send other BC Nature club's calendars.
 - d) Website – Janne is continuing to keep up the website.
 - e) BC Nature – AGM in Vancouver (UBC) in May. FGM in Kelowna in September.
 - f) Harrison Camp 2018 – In November. Schedule is finalized. Janne has sent in description to BC Nature for the Spring issue.
 - g) Christmas Bird Count – Denis emailed results from Chilliwack and Harrison bird counts to participants/members.
 - h) Suzuki Blue Dot – David Suzuki is looking for organizations to lobby for an insertion "the right to a healthy environment" into the environmental protection act. We will support that.
 - i) Pipe Up and WaterWealth Donations – should the club provide a donation to these clubs? Lee made motion to donate \$100 to each of the organizations. Paulina seconded and the executive approved.
 - j) Adopt a Whale – Executive approved donating \$40 again this year to the cause.
 - k) 2018 AGM – Janet made a reservation at IHop (45466 Yale Road West, Chilliwack), March 20th at 5:00 pm. Eat at 5:30.
 - l) Officer Nominations – The following members will run for 2018-2019 executive offices: Denis (president), Scott (secretary), Janet (treasurer), Janne (vice president).

6. Reports

- a) Financial Report – balances as of Jan 31st. Janet moved for adoption of report, seconded by Lee and approved by the Executive.
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| 1. General Account | \$ 1,242.01 |
| 2. Term Deposit (Val Whetter bequest) | \$10,000.00 |
| 3. Camp River Account | \$ 5.59 |
| 4. Equity Share | \$ 32.22 |
- b) Membership – Janet will be calling members who haven't paid yet. We have one recent new member, but it looks like membership is dropping from last year. This is happening in clubs.
- c) Conservation Report – No report, Annabelle not present.
- d) Eastern Fraser Valley NatureKids – Janne reported they had to cancel their snowshoe with Hope Mountain Centre due to participant sickness. Coming up, there will be a Nature Poetry workshop at the Heron Reserve. Other events planned over the next several months.
7. **Next meeting:** March 6th, 2018 at Janet Pollock's home (the Selles volunteered for the April meeting).
8. **Thanks to Marg Tranah for hosting!**
9. **Adjourned** at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Scott Denkers