

Minutes of the Chilliwack Field Naturalists Executive Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Janet Pollock's home, Chilliwack

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

- 1. Call to order at 7:20 pm**
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting** – Motion for adoption by Scott, seconded by Fernando and approved by executive.
- 3. Approval of the agenda** – Approved with one addition.
- 4. Business Arising from Minutes**
 - a) AGM – Discussion on whether we can get to 15 people for the AGM. We need to order at least 15 dinners, otherwise IHOP will charge us \$150 for use of the room. The executive determined that it's a good possibility that we can get 15 people to attend the AGM (including the speaker and possibly the speaker's colleague).
- 5. New Business**
 - a) Speakers – Line up for the rest of the year include: Jenn Burt on "Sea Otters and Kelp" (April), Lee Beavington on "Nature as Teacher" (May), Scott Yaeger on "Mesocarnivores" (Sept), Terry McIntosh on "Habitat and Rare Species" (Oct) and Mike Pearson on "Restoration" (Nov).
 - b) Camp River Wildlife Area – Planting coming up on April 7th; meet 10:30 a.m. at the cairn on Camp River Road. Pizzas for lunch will be provided by the club (need to be ordered the day before). Coffee will also be made available. Lee plans to get the event in the paper.
 - c) Field Trips – Whenever possible, trips are set as follow up for some of the speaker engagements. Janne will get info in Valley News. Lee will put an article in the What's On local paper. Get into Facebook too. Scott will check into getting administrator status for the CFN Facebook Page for the executive members so everyone can post articles and events. Fernando has volunteered to take on field trip coordination.
 - d) GBHNR Bird Course – Janne will be instructing a beginner's bird identification class Saturday, March 10th. Janne will receive an honorarium for instructing the 2-hour class and plans to donate it to the club.
 - e) Newsletter – Janne reported that the club newsletters will be quarterly going forward.
 - f) Website – traffic is down compared to other months. It will probably pick up when Spring rolls around!
 - g) BC Nature Update – AGM second weekend in May. FGM in September in Kelowna. Nature camps this year are generally well-subscribed. The CFN field camp organized by Janne will be in the Fall, but registration hasn't opened yet.
 - h) Univ of Toronto Survey Request – Janne will take care of filling out the survey.
 - i) Invitation to participate in Chilliwack Advisory Group – Concern over ATV use in the Chilliwack River Valley. The group would like someone from CFN to participate in buildings. A lady with the group is interested in joining CFN.
 - j) Invasive Species – Kathy Ma, Invasive Species Society, demonstrated an interactive web tool that maps and overlays invasive species, SARA species

and other info. Janne reports that the application is quite impressive, but not yet released to the public.

- k) Bird Brochure – Janet brought a bird brochure put together by Langley Field Nats and suggested we do the same using their template (which is available for all clubs to use).

6. Reports

- a) Financial Report – balances reported as of Feb 28th. Janet moved for adoption of report, seconded by Scott and approved by the Executive. Lee received the grant for Camp River plantings (about \$2,400). That will show up in the next financial report.

1. General Account	\$ 1,093.18
2. Term Deposit (Val Whetter bequest)	\$10,000.00
3. Camp River Account	\$ 5.59
4. Equity Share	\$ 32.22

- b) Membership – 24 members, 1 honorary and 3 complimentary memberships.

- c) Conservation – No report, Annabelle not present. Janne noted the crime stoppers phone number to report environmental abuse.

- d) Eastern Fraser Valley NatureKids – No report.

- 7. **Next meeting:** April 3rd @ the Selles' home. (Scott will be away, so we will need someone to take notes).

- 8. **Thanks to Janet Pollock for hosting!**

- 9. **Adjourned** at 9:05 pm.

Submitted by Scott Denkers