

Minutes of the Chilliwack Field Naturalists Executive Meeting

Tuesday, January, 7th, 2020

Fernando and Pauline's home, Chilliwack

7:00 pm

Present: Scott Denkers, Fernando Selles, Paulina Selles, Denis Knopp, Lee Larkin, Janne Perrin, Janet Pollock

1. **Call meeting to order-** 7:03 pm
2. **Minutes from the previous meeting**– Scott moved for adoption with corrections. Fernando seconded, approved by the executive.
3. **Approval of the agenda**– adopted with additions.
4. **Business Arising from previous minutes**
 - a. Field trips– Fernando reported on upcoming trips: Jan 18th Corbould Park Walk, Feb 16th McDonald Park, Mar 19th Heron Reserve, Apr 14th Iona Beach.
 - b. Speakers– Lee. Membership invited to bring their pictures for January general meeting. Feb 18th Jasper Lament, BC Nature Trust Conservation Successes; Mar 17th (AGM) Glyn Williams-Jones, Volcanoes in BC; Apr 21st Ross Vennesland, Great Blue Heron Conservation; May 19th Maureen Vo, Killer Whales of the Coast.
 - c. Camp River– Lee reported that the grant application was unsuccessful for planting project. Next coffee cutters (February 1st) is cancelled.
 - d. Bird Brochure - Fernando was looking for bird nest info for the brochure. Panels 1, 2, 3, 4 are currently done (out of 8). Fernando is working on #5 and Janne is working on #6. Get together end of February 26th at 9 am at Selles to decide which pictures to use – suggest bringing your photos on a memory stick. Drafts of write ups will be sent to Scott for editing.
 - e. Christmas Bird count results– Denis emailed out draft results and will send final counts when they are ready. More species than last year, but counts of individuals were down. No new species were reported. Some of the more unusual species seen were Hutton's vireo (in both Chilliwack and Harrison counts), American Tree Sparrow (both counts), Bohemian Waxwing (Chilliwack count), Swamp Sparrow (Chilliwack count).
5. **New Business**
 - a. AGM–Janne March 17th. Starting at 5:30 pm. Pizza will be served. \$10/member. Invite general public to the guest speaker's presentation. Speaker at 7 pm. Ask members to confirm attendance and bring \$10 in cash for the food. Speaker (and guest) will be provided pizza at no cost to them.
 - b. Website–Janne planning to retire as webmaster. A new person to run the site is needed. Janne has been in contact with Leo and Peter Awram who have offered to move our website to WordPress. Janne made motion to: 1) apply for a domain called naturechilliwack.org (or .ca), and 2) ask the Awrams to set up a WordPress site. Seconded by Fernando and approved by executive. Janne noted it would be good to have a member keep it updated. Scott volunteered to have a look at it.
 - c. Club Elections– Denis noted a search should be started for next executive members. Janne will put a message out to the membership to see if anyone would like to join the executive as an officer: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer.
 - d. Membership forms– Janet. We currently have 32 members. Annual membership dues will be collected over the next month or two.

- e. Hope Mountain Centre – Scott reported that a new Environmental Educator Assistant Position is opening soon and wanted to know if the executive was okay with it being posted to the Nature Chilliwack Facebook page. Approved. In addition, Scott provided the dates for this year’s bird blitzes: Skagit Valley May 8th – 10th and Manning Park June 5th – June 7th.
- f. How to make club membership more attractive – Fernando suggested canvassing members to see what they would like to see changed to encourage participation. The Selles will work on some ideas and send to the executive.

6. Reports

- a. Conservation–No report.
- b. BC Nature - Janne asked if we could take on the BC Nature AGM 2021. After some discussion the executive agreed that we just don’t have the membership numbers to organize and hold a large event such as the AGM. Janne will get back to BC Nature and respectfully decline. Field camps are probably the extent of effort possible for the club with its current membership participation. Janne previously asked that we reply on the Bridal Falls application for a development addition to their plan and Lee did that.

7. Treasurer’s Report -Janet reported on Nov. 1 – Dec 31, 2019 club finances and made the motion to accept the report. Fernando seconded and it was approved by the executive.

- General Account \$1,979.50
- Camp River \$4.12
- Member Shares \$34.24
- Term Deposit \$10,000.00

8. Thank you to Fernando and Pauline for hosting!

9. Next meeting: February 4th at Janet Pollock’s home (Lee and Denis will be travelling and unable to attend).

10. Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by Scott Denkers