

Minutes of the Chilliwack Field Naturalists Executive Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Janne Perrin's home, Harrison Hot Springs

Present: Scott Denkers, Denis Knopp, Lee Larkin, Janne Perrin, Fernando Selles, Paulina Selles, Helen Turner.

1. **Call to order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Denis.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – Motion for adoption by Scott, seconded by Fernando & approved by exec.
3. **Approval of the agenda** – Approved with additions.
4. **Business Arising from Minutes**
 - a) Field Trips – Fernando reported on upcoming field trips: Heron Reserve, March 9th; Silverdale Creek Wetlands, March 21st; Burnaby Lake, April 8th; Hope Airport, April 15th. Scott will lead a trip in Hope on a weekend in late May (*later set for Saturday, May 25th*). He will get that on Facebook as an event with photo, as Lee has been doing. Denis Knopp and Dennis St. John are looking at doing an insect trip to the Skagit Valley in early June.
 - b) Speakers – Lee reported that David Manning hasn't confirmed yet for his talk at the April members meeting on vultures. Miles Lamont on Sandhill Cranes is a possible speaker if the vulture talk falls through. Fernando has additional ideas for speakers and he will send the information to Lee.
 - c) Bird Brochure – No report.
 - d) AGM – Janet volunteered to do a phone out to check with people on their plans for coming to the AGM. Cost will be a flat \$10 per person. Janet will provide napkins, plates and coffee. Attendees should bring their own cups and flatware as needed. Be there at 5:30 pm. Janne will send Denis a format for the president's annual report. Scott will read minutes. Janet will provide the annual financial report.
 - e) Camp River Wildlife Area – Denis reported a new blackberry cutter has helped at Coffee Cutters. No word from Tobias Roehr on meeting date with Denis; Denis plans on getting back to him.
 - f) Club Elections – Is Rose willing to be vice president? Helen will check with her. Everyone else is willing to stay with their current assignments. How about membership secretary to help out Janet's workload? Helen plans to check with Edna Hobbs to see if she might be interested.
 - g) Membership – Janne will work with Janet to become familiar with the membership database. Janne volunteered to be Janet's backup on the database.
5. **New Business**
 - a) Website – Janne has done a very nice job of updating the website's functionality and format. Janne tried getting website help from BC Nature contact, but with no luck.
 - b) Proposal for Snowmobile Trails and Recreational Facilities at Coquihalla Summit – This was discussed by the executive and it was decided no action to be undertaken.
 - c) Bulk Water Extraction - There is a proposal to the Fraser Valley Regional District to extract bulk water from the Chilliwack River Valley for personal

commercial gain. This proposal is requesting non-farm use of Agricultural Land Reserve land to fill tanker trucks with water, truck it to a facility, and sell it. Discussion was held on whether we want to post something on Facebook regarding a Change.org petition. Lee will look into getting the post shared to our Facebook page with an FYI comment.

6. **Reports**

- a) Conservation – No report, but the executive talked about how we would want to continue on with this subject. Does anyone want to be the conservation director? No takers at this meeting.
- b) CFN Newsletter – Janne will publish a newsletter and calendar before the AGM.
- c) BC Nature Report – Applications for BC Nature rewards are coming up on March 15th. Helen and Janne will work on an application for Annabelle who has put in so much effort on the club's conservation section. BC Nature AGM coming up in Duncan May 2-5. Janne plans on writing a club "Year In Review" for the AGM.
- d) Financial Report – Approximate balances follow as of February 28th, 2019. Janet previously distributed the financial document. Janne, on behalf of Janet, moved for adoption of the report. Seconded by Lee and approved by the executive.

d.1.1. General Account	\$ 2,771.09
d.1.2. Term Deposit (Val Whetter bequest)	\$10,000.00
d.1.3. Camp River Account	\$ 4.12
d.1.4. Equity Share	\$ 33.17

- 7. **Next meeting:** April 2nd at Denis & Lee's home.
- 8. **Thanks to Janne for hosting!**
- 9. **Adjourned** at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Scott Denkers