

LILLOOET NATURALIST SOCIETY
Minutes – Annual General Meeting
February 25, 2006

Present: Ian, Karl Heinz, Jeff, Anne, Ed, Ken O., Kim, Vivian, Glenda, Ken W., Susan, Cathy

Regrets: Scott, Pam

Minutes: Jeff O’K

1. Call to order – 7:10 PM
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Adoption of agenda with amendments under New Business (re recent generous donations, light pollution) (Anne/Ian). Passed.
4. Adoption of Minutes from 2005 AGM (Kim/Ian). Passed.
5. Business arising from previous AGM:
 - see President’s Report
6. New Business:
 - Treasurer’s Report presented by Glenda. Motion to accept (Glenda/Anne). Passed.
 - Review of Membership Fees: Unanimous agreement to maintain current fees to 2007. We currently have 36 members
 - Election of Directors:
President – Vivian Birch-Jones – advised would like this to be her last term
Treasurer – Glenda served notice she may vacate this position March 2006
Secretary – Jeff O’Kelly
Directors-at-large – Ken Oakes, Ken Wright, Anne Heath
 - LNS received a generous donation of \$500 from Anne Heath. We are very grateful!
 - Ed Nichol would like support from LNS in an attempt to get control over light pollution in the Lillooet area. LNS agreed in principle and asked Ed to draft a letter which LNS will discuss and (if agreed) support.
7. Future Goals:
 - Hiking Guide. These are selling like hotcakes. Ed suggested that if we could have an LNS member receive on-line orders or orders by phone and mail out the books we would do more business. Jeff volunteered that when he returns to Lillooet full-time (mid-May) he would be willing to take phone orders. Naturally, we hope that a 2nd edition of the Hiking Guide will be necessary.
 - Spring FBCN meeting is in Comox Valley, May 4-7. Ian and Vivian will attend. Others encouraged as schedules permit.
 - At the next FBCN and Nature Canada meeting, Vivian will be bringing forth resolutions re species at risk and habitat loss.

- Lillooet Bird Guide. Ken Wright will make a presentation about this at the next regular LNS meeting (Mar. 21)

8. Other:

- The Ministry of Forests asked to meet with LNS re the Hiking Guide. Sue Senger acted as liaison. Meeting has been arranged for April 27. Vivian Bill Spence and other interested members (any takers?) will be attending. Albert Joseph and Ken Thomas have also expressed interest.
- Ore Creek Protection (Susan Brown addressed this). The status of the disputed area is uncertain at present. To be discussed in future (next regular meeting?) with Bill Spence.
- Blue Bird boxes: discussion of funding for new boxes will be brought forward at the next regular meeting. LNS notes with sadness the death of Harry Purney who did so much work to maintain the nestbox trail. Chris Galleazzo has taken over this work and will be arranging a work party for later in the spring. A member has suggested naming our bluebird trail after Harry Purney.
- Botanist Bill Merilees is still planning a summer (June) visit. He will be willing to lead a botany field trip at that time.
- Bridge Coastal Restoration Program: Vivian and Larry Casper attended the BCRP meetings in January and supported study applications on owls, riverine birds, and various tree species and projects.
- Glenda offered to co-ordinate some form of LNS activity or project for April Earth Day.
- Susan suggested a trip to Botanie Valley for wildflowers. Obtaining band permission may be an issue. Bill Merilees would like to visit this area as well. Further discussion at next regular meeting.

9. Adjournment at 8:10 PM for refreshments and social at Ken and MJ's ~