

# Nanoose Naturalists General Meeting Minutes

Nanoose Bay Library – 7:00PM Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2011

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## Welcome

President Tony Ransom called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm with 18 members and 4 guests in attendance.

## Guest Speaker

Joe Crichton introduced our guest speaker *Bill Merilees* who shared through his photographic presentations the secrets of the urban *Buttertubs Marsh* located in Nanaimo.

## Reminders

- Members and guests are reminded to SIGN IN when arriving for the meeting.
- Coffee/Tea duty volunteers are needed for our fall meetings.
- Membership Renewals for 2012 are welcome. New members who sign up now receive get full membership until Dec. 2012.
- The January AGM will be a short business portion to precede the main attraction “Member’s Night”. Members willing to share photos and things of interest contact Joe Crichton.

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## Sightings and Member Comments

- Coastal Water Birds at the Nanoose Creek Estuary
- 11 White Fronted Geese along Northwest Bay Road
- Merlin, Laplong Sparrow, Eurasian Collar Dove, Mourning Dove, White Crown and Golden Crowned Sparrows
- There have been no recent sightings of cougar in the Fairwinds area.

## Mailbox/Correspondence/Communications

- The Vancouver Island Purple Martin Recovery Program shall hold a Charity Dinner on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo. This year’s theme “Brazil” (Martins migrate 11,000Kms to SE Brazil) welcomes guest speakers: Tony Ransom and Mike Yip. Tickets are \$60 and include a tax receipt.

## Business Arising From Previous Meeting

### New Business

- **Nominations** - Joe Crichton called for *NOMINATIONS* to serve on the 2012 Board.

## Committee Reports

- **Financial Report** – *Maurice Hedges*  
The financial summary indicating that the Club was in a healthy state. The current account as at September 30<sup>th</sup> is \$1,225.15; the ‘high-interest’ savings account has a balance of \$1,084.04, giving available funds of \$2,909.19. There is an outstanding loan to BC Nature FGM 2012 of \$300.

- **Meetings/Speakers** – *Tony Ransom/Joe Crichton*  
Joe Crichton reviewed the November program and advised members to keep posted for the upcoming spring 2012 program
- **Outings Program** – *Joe Crichton*  
A request for Outings Coordinator was sent out. Meet at Nanoose Place 9:30am Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> for a tour of the Coastal Fire Centre for Wildfire Management located near the exit on Hwy 19 to Parksville. Leader Carolyn Dodd 46-5437.
- **Membership** – *Shelagh-Ann Hedges*.  
Members are reminded that the Insurance /Liability waiver must be signed annually with subscription renewal.
- **Publicity** – *vacant*  
A volunteer is needed for publicity and website updates.
- **Social** – *Cam Mackenzie*  
The club Christmas Potluck is booked for Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate your attendance on the sign up sheet and note the Monday gathering. This is a change from our regular meeting night.
- **Stewardship Committee Report** – *Tony Ransom* – No report
- **BC Nature** – *Carolyn Dodd*  
Planning continues for the BC Nature 2012 Fall General Meeting co-hosted by the Arrowsmith Naturalists and our club. The application to participate in the Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising program was accepted. Cards will be available to members shortly. Carolyn Dodd 468-5437 will coordinate the program.
- **Shoreline Cleanup** – *Joe Crichton for Vicki Voros*  
The rainy day kept a large turnout away; however the Nanoose Bay Estuary clean up requirements were minimal.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – speaker: *Nick Raeside... "Fire as a Forest Management Tool"*

**Adjournment:** 8:49 pm