

Nature Alberta Annual Report for 2019

We have been the Grasslands Naturalists club representatives with Nature Alberta since the fall of 2017. We listened in to meetings on April 3rd and November 30th via teleconference.

Some of the highlights from the meetings were as follows:

1. Nature Alberta put forward a policy statement on the Conservation of Large Carnivores in Alberta.
2. The revised By-Laws were accepted and passed.
3. There is no longer funding to support NatureWILD publication for children 12 years old and younger in conjunction with the Nature Kids program. A discussion was held to integrate this publication as part of the Nature Alberta magazine.
4. The Nature Alberta magazine has been revitalized with a new format and template that was used starting in January, 2020.
5. The Nature Alberta magazine continues to be free via email to all members.
6. Everyone can subscribe to the monthly Nature Alberta e-newsletter.
7. A Strategic Plan was set up for the next three to five years.
8. The 50th Anniversary celebration of Nature Alberta will be held on October 24th, 2020 in Edmonton. The details are being finalized.
9. A financial overview was provided and there is a money shortfall. About 20% (\$45000) needs to be pulled from the Reserve Funds. This is not sustainable and this can't be done every year. (They will gladly accept donations if anyone is interested.)

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