

Society of Grasslands Naturalists

Treasurer's Report for the 2021 Year

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2021 was year two of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no regular monthly meetings in person for the second year, but in the fall our club started having meetings via ZOOM on-line. The Nature Centre had opening restrictions during the year, but managed as best as was possible considering the circumstances.

Grasslands Naturalists 'Club'

The GN club's finances remain sound with a total equity increase of \$2,132.37 to \$25,777.26.

The main sources of income included: an Eco Trust grant for the Scenic Views Project in the amount of \$3040, a grant from the Medicine Hat Community Foundation in the amount of \$710, membership income in the amount of \$1545, and individual donations in the amount of \$2245. Note that only \$1837.50 of the Eco Trust grant which was \$3040.00 was spent in 2021. For this reason, our equity increase is actually a bit higher than it really is.

Once again, the single highest expense in 2021 was for insurance in the amount of \$2532. A portion of the Scenic Views signs were produced at a cost of \$1750 (excluding the GST). The Chronicle Newsletter printing and postage came in at a value of \$697. Two bark blasting girdling tools were purchased to control the Buck Thorn invasive trees at a cost of \$159. Since there were no regular monthly meetings there were no costs related to the Indoor Program. The rest of the basic operating and office expenses totaled \$392.

Casino

There was no casino income in 2021 due to COVID-19. The total equity decreased by \$726 to a total of \$608.

Since the majority of the proceeds from the previous year's casino income was already spent there was very little activity in the casino books this year.

The GST Rebate for 2020 from Revenue Canada was deposited in the bank at a total of \$203. There were two cheques written to the Medicine Hat News for advertising in the paper for the Medicine Hat Interpretive Program at a cost of \$906.

Respectfully submitted,

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