

Grasslands Naturalists General Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

1. Call to order – Phil Horch 7:14pm

2. Member's Exciting Sightings - Martha MG walking bridge over tracks by McCutchen, saw deer and many birds. Phil got an email saying Ian Langen saw (yellow and black) Townsend Warbler (rare for MH). They also saw large black bellied plovers at Lake Newell. Video available from Paul VH to share of dancing sandhill cranes

3. Review minutes of April 26/22 General Meeting – No addition or changes.

4. President's Report – Phil Horch Symposium on hold without major (financial and volunteer) partners. MHC has interest in arranging sessions with science students and GN (Gerry Elhert). We need to think of ways to ensure Society survives. There is a need for new members

A. Grasslands Naturalists AGM – June 28 at Nature Centre Lifetime members to be announced there, honouring retiring MHIP members.

B. Appointment of new Director At Large – Corlaine Gardner

C. Emerald Awards Phil and Analore, Martha MG and David to attend June 1

D. Mike O'Shea's Memorial Service June 11/ 1:30 pm Glenview Nazarene Church

E. Membership Renewals

F. Community Spirit Awards 3 awards given to GN members : Gerry Elhert, Martha Munz Gue, and MHIP

G. Other

5. Vice-President's Report – Martha Munz-Gue has had no nominations for any board positions. Venier Centre tables available for display on June 8. Reminder of Wednesday walks. Tomorrow's is the Transition Garden.

6. GN Finance Report – Angela Turner Chequing \$7248.44 Savings \$16631.07 Only expenses were printing newsletter and tonight's speaker.

7. MHIP Report

A. Alicia Lew Thanks to Corlaine's help. Lots of school events as well as public activities. Received \$5050 and \$4500 for summer students. Stewardship grants as well.

B. Hugh Armstrong met with Parks, waiting to hear the budget but are willing to renew it for another 5 years. GN asked for help for insurance costs.

8. Outdoor Program Report – Milt Spitzer, John Slater Phil says 1 birding event in July to Cypress Hills, as well as Wednesday walks.

9. Indoor Program Report – Linda Fisher Blackfoot elder Running Coyote tonight, speaking on Healing the land and Empowerment. September 27 Gillian Chow-Fraser, from the Northern Alberta chapter of CPAWS speaking on the Recovery plan for the critically endangered Alberta Woodland Caribou

10. Other Announcements

11. Coffee Break

12. Introduction of Guest Speaker – Api'soomaahka (Running Coyote) – Linda Fisher

**13. Q & A , closing remarks and speaker appreciation – Linda Fisher
8:55pm**