

MINUTES
Grasslands Naturalists Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 – 4 PM
Chamber of Commerce Board Room

1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll Call Present:** Phil Horch, Paul Thibault, Ian Turner, Corlaine Gardner, Sheila McLeod, Angela Turner, Martha Munz Gue, Martha Maudsley, Linda Fisher absent: Hugh Armstrong
3. **Review and Adoption of Minutes** from October 3 2023. Adopted with corrections. All in favour, carried.
4. **Business Arising From the Minutes** - Corlaine has put out a schedule people can fill out, it's about half filled!
5. **Approval of the Bundle: Ask reporters to highlight action items.**
Bundle approved, carried.
 - A. **City Open House Report – Phil**
 - B. **Business Town Hall Report – Phil**
 - C. **Nature Alberta Report – Paul**
 - D. **Charitable Tax Changes Report – Paul**
 - E. **Environmental Framework Draft – Phil**
 - F. **Urban Forest Report – Gerry**
 - G. **Russian Olive Task Force Report – Gerry**
 - H. **Issues Report – Gerry**
 - I. **Field Trip Report – John**
 - J. **Indoor Program Report – Linda**
 - K. **Energy and Sustainability Summit Report – Phil**
 - L. **Letter and Invasive Species Report to City – Phil, Gerry**
6. **Treasurer's Report – Angela** Casino \$5856.93 GN Chequing \$8255.85
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Adopted as is, all in favour. Carried.
7. **Environmental Framework - GN Position and Recommendations – Phil** -
Members have been sending in comments and can continue to do some.
Discussion. Phil thinks we should do a general report to the city and then a

separate point by point document. Email further comments on draft to Phil so he and Marty will format something.

8. Strategic Planning Meeting – Paul 2 main issues to address A/ member discussion at General meetings. Not just for input but key members need to be able to speak so we can get to know them and hear what they think. B/ How to make GN exciting. We have a budget. Start thinking about something we can do bigger. Look for a project that involves more than one committee and uses teamwork. **Paul to look for a date where the boardroom is free.**

9. Online Donations and Memberships – Paul- need to look into this as other groups do

10. Nature Alberta and Invasive Species – Paul -

11. Discussion of Shaw filming asking to film guest speakers - We can look into trying this. Corlaine will look into contacting CHAT about being interviewed.

12. MHIP Operations Report – Hugh Email with financial report sent.

13. Chamber of Commerce advertising our meeting

14. Contact Firekeepers regarding a collaboration -

15. Lorne Fitch books - books purchased to sell to members. Phil to buy any leftovers. Angela has the bill. Selling for \$23.63 Ian suggests next time this should be done through the Nature Centre (as they are set up to take payments, etc).

16. Other Business - Do we need changes to membership form? Yes, based on future meetings and possible online memberships. Tax implications of bill C-32. Potentially an issue for (big) donors.

17. Adjournment 5:53 pm

18. Next Meeting December 6 2023 at 4 pm