

Minutes of Grasslands Naturalists Strategic Planning Special Board Meeting

Date: 22 September 2023

Board Attendees: Hugh Armstrong, Linda Fisher, Phil Horch, Martha Maudsley, Sheila McLeod, Paul Thibault (Chair), Angela Turner, and Ian Turner

1. Call to order: 11:00 AM

2. Reviewed minutes from previous Strategic Planning meeting (21 August 2023) – Minutes Approved

3. Reviewed Strategic Planning Process

4. Discussed previous Board Meeting with strategic agenda. Board was satisfied with the new format.

5. Finalized new agenda structure for next General Meeting as follows:

6:30 to 7:00 PM: Socializing with refreshments and snacks

7:00 to 7:30 PM: Part 1 of Business Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
3. Land acknowledgments and actions (including announcements of local events)
4. President's announcements
5. MHIP report
6. Any other information as time permits

7:30 to 8:30 PM: Guest Speaker

8:30 to 9:00 PM: Part 2 of Business Meeting

1. Exciting Sightings
2. Participation of members in discussions on a naturalist topic of current interest. Sheila McLeod to lead the discussion.

6. New GN Survey

- Reviewed questions in 2011 survey
- Decision to use the same questions as in 2011 survey with additional

questions such as

- GN General meeting structure and content
- Indoor Program topics
- Education, advocacy, conservancy, protests and interventions
- Other
- Decision to use on-line '*Survey Monkey*' for one month. The survey will be held in November.

7. Venues for future Regular and Special Board Meetings

- Discussed possible options including:
 - Chinook Village
 - Medicine Hat Public Library
 - Trex Art Gallery
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Other, including suggestions from Members at next General Meeting
- Decision to become member of the Chamber of Commerce, which will give GN free access to the board room along with other benefits. This will be presented at the next regular Board meeting

8. Next meeting: TBD

9. Adjourn: 12:12 PM