

Society of Grasslands Naturalists

Treasurer's Report for the 2023 Year

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Grasslands Naturalists 'Club'

The GN club's finances are in a good standing with a total equity of **\$30,161.86** as the result of an total increase of **\$4,660.77** this year.

The main sources of **income** included: a grant from the Medicine Hat Community Foundation (for Donna MacLean) in the amount of \$550, another grant from the Medicine Hat Community Foundation (from Canadian Fertilizer) in the amount of \$825, individual donations in the amount of \$5,250, membership income in the amount of \$1,930, and donations for the Birding Trails guides for a total of \$245.

Once again, the single highest **expense** in 2023 was for Business insurance in the amount of \$1,162. The Chronicle Newsletter printing and postage came in at a value of \$969. There were \$546 in costs related to the Indoor Program, \$301 in expenses tied to the Communications Committee, \$234 in expenses for the Issues Committee, \$97 for General Meeting expenses, \$488 for Board Discretionary expenses, and \$301 in costs for Computer/Office expenses. The rest of the basic operating and miscellaneous expenses totaled \$374.

Casino

The Grasslands Naturalist's Casino total equity was **\$23,864.52** due to an increase of **\$13,571.16** this year.

The proceeds from the August 5 & 6, 2023 Casino event were \$18,917. Donations from the Medicine Hat Kiwanis Club (from their Casino proceeds) totalled \$2,500.

Some of the Promotional expenses included: MHIP ads in the Medicine Hat News for a total of \$5,149 and the purchase of software to produce the Scenic Views brochures at a cost of \$319. The Administration expenses included: the Zoom annual subscription at a cost of \$139, the PO Box rental for a total of \$182, and the Executive Liability insurance at \$1,958. Six two-way radios were purchased for events at the Nature Centre and for Grasslands Naturalists field trips at a price of \$260.

Respectfully submitted,

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Grasslands Naturalist's Treasurer