

MINUTES
Grasslands Naturalists Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024– 4:10 pm
Chamber of Commerce Board Room

- 1. Call to order – Phil 4:10 pm**
 - 2. Roll Call – Martha Maudsley Present:** Hugh Armstrong, Phil Horch, Ian Turner, Angela Turner, Linda Fisher, Martha Munz Gue, Sheila McLeod, Paul Thibault, Martha Maudsley **Absent:** Corlaine Gardner
 - 3. Review and Adoption of Minutes from February 7, 2024 Adopted as is, all in favour, carried.**
 - 4. Business Arising From The Minutes:**
 - 5. Approval of the Bundle: Approved.**
- A. Indoor Program Report – Linda-** Is Gerry taking Lorne out for supper? If so, save receipts. Gillian Chow-Fraser available for April meeting, she's available at 7 or 730pm so will require a time change for our business meeting.
- B. Promotional Swag Report – Corlaine -** No report available.
- C. AGM Matters - Election-** no nominations as of yet
- Committee Reports-**
- Irrigation - Paul -** discussion about report from WaterSMART. Paul has approached Rob Gardner to join the committee. Martha MG, Gerry and Paul would be enough for a committee.
- History committee - Paul -** sent out an emailed report. Need elders to get together and go through the cabinet. Martha MG to approach Lorinne Marshall. Will not go further until the board and elders have sorted through the storage items. Martha MG suggests coming an hour early to the board meetings to go through boxes (1 at a time). Paul suggests having another filter person (Rob Gardner?) to go through the boxes before showing them to the elders/ or someone else. 3 members will take 2 or so boxes to put content in chronological order and sort out duplicates.
- Lifetime Member nominations -** no nominations received yet.

Guest speaker promotion -poster is beautiful, thanks Corlaine.

New member sign-up table- Linda has taken care of this. Turners can bring the banner. Will look for tablecloth. Martha MG to bring pens to fill out membership forms.

Appointment of board members at large - there will be 3 positions available.

D. Youth Membership Idea – Martha Gue- Martha MG to contact Jennifer Matt about meeting after school on a Friday. Group to present to GN and then have a walk to Ajax coulee. Invite other high schools to join.

D. Members’ survey - Paul - did a demonstration of how it works.

6. New Business

A. MHIP Report - Hugh- audit done, everything fine. Running along just fine! Lots of school programs. 1600 people @Family Day

B. Indigenous Blanket Exercise - Linda - Is there interest? Is it appropriate for GN?

C. Transition to new President - Phil will arrange a time for he and Hugh to meet with Sheila to conduct a transition at a time that works for everyone.

D. Bird Friendly City status - Phil reported that the City of Medicine Hat’s approval of the Environmental Framework has been delayed so the City is not prepared to work toward Bird Friendly City status until this fall at the earliest. The same would apply to Bee Friendly status as well. However, the city Environmental Department is committed to pursuing this.

E. Meridian Dam Revival? - Paul - Phil says in the meeting with Justin Wright he said it was dead. Paul says we can’t make assumptions until we know. Discussion.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Angela

Casino \$20,273.22

GN Chequing \$8,023.64

GN Savings \$6,916.82

GIC#1 \$10,000.00

GIC#2 \$5,000.00

8. Other Business - None

9. Adjournment – Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – Chamber Board Room at 4 pm