

Grasslands Naturalists Society

General Meeting

Tuesday, April 23 2024

1. **Social time and coffee at 6:30 pm**
2. **Guest Speaker Gillian Chow-Fraser “Caribou” via Zoom 7pm**
3. **Business Meeting 8:10 pm**
4. **Land Acknowledgment – Cathy Linowski**
5. **Approval of agenda April 23, 2024:**
Motion: Elaine 2nd: Bruce Approved:all
6. **President’s Report – Sheila McLeod** - Thanks to Cathy for Chairing and Linda for their work and attention this evening.
7. **Exciting Sightings - All-** Martha MG saw alyssum all over as well as bees all over and prairie crocuses. Buffalo berry too. John saw a garter snake, first one. Flock of snow geese headed east on the river.
8. **Indigenous Action – Sheila McLeod (via Cathy) -**
8.1 CBC Quirks and Quarks interview of Dr Jennifer Grenz, UBC. You can listen on the CBC website.
9. **Approval of minutes from February 27/24 –**
Motion: Hugh 2nd: Dan Approved:all
10. **MHIP report - Alicia Lew** - Hanna White will return as an Interpreter this summer. Egg program successful. \$3000 profit on egg kits. May and June are busiest months for school programs as well as Kids nature trivia, bumblebee walk and Pokemon GO. Several hundred participants for Earth Day. Roots refillery donated prizes. Finances total revenue around \$15000 total expenses \$65000. Will be adjusted with City Medicine Hat numbers.
10.1 More copies of the Xeriscape brochure? Alicia to look into.
10.2 Potential xeriscape workshop this fall? Put it on the radar for the fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Treasurer's report - Angela Turner**
GN Chequing \$ 7,609.42 **GN Savings** \$6,925.63 **GN 15 month GIC** maturing in May 2024 for \$10,000.00 and another **GN 1 year GIC** maturing in May, 2024 for \$5,000.00

Casino chequing: \$19,068.57

2. Other Announcements -

2.1 Weekly wildflower walks (May & June) -
Details in the April Chronicle. (Martha Munz
Gue)

2.2 May 22 School visit to Von Huene Ranch
Details in the April Chronicle (Cathy, Paul)

2.3 May 2 trip to Acadia Valley 2-8 pm
(Paul,?)

2.4 MHHS Earth Club (Martha Maudsley) They are interested in having an activity with us. They need a skeleton framework for June with the idea of an activity in late September/early October. Jennifer Matt (teacher rep) suggests holding it at Kin Coulee so the club can walk over on a Friday after school (2pm). Please contact marthamaudsley@gmail.com or VP Cathy clinowski@memlane.com
403-504-8085 (home)

2.5 Murray Lake Birding field trip - members invited to attend beginning at 7:30 am, Saturday April 27, A & W Gershaw Drive.

3. Member's Discussion -

3.1 Fund raising for specific items such as NCC purchase of Sage grouse lands (Corlaine & Gerry) **GN Swag- Corlaine** - showed samples available at Logos Embroidery for members to see introductory price for a hat \$20. Call Corlaine for more details.

- Please consider ideas for individual fundraising for further discussion.

3.2 Ponds and Paths (Martha Munz Gue) now 70 adoptees

3.3 Alberta Plant Watch (Martha Munz Gue) has a sign up sheet

3.4 New member recruitment (All) handed out membership forms at Seedy Sunday. Suggests everyone take brochures to show folks our activities and get people to come out.

Adjourn 8:40 pm - David motion to adjourn.

Next meeting May 28 2024