

## CALGARY FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY (NATURE CALGARY)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – December 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Burns West Auditorium, Fort Calgary

30 Members in Attendance

John McFaul brought the meeting to order and welcomed all attending. Andrew Hart chaired the AGM.

### (1) MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM (December 19, 2012)

Copies of the minutes available to the members in attendance. **Motion:** M/S (Val Scholefield/Betty Milham) that the Minutes be approved as printed. Carried.

### (2) TREASURER'S REPORT

NC Treasurer Ed Kissinger presented the Financial Statements. (Copies are available to members upon request.) Ed presented the report through a series of overheads noting that the financial statements summarise the CFNS financial results and financial position at the Society's year-end of September 30, 2013. Current assets of about \$114,686.00 which are predominantly GICs, cash in bank and inventory, significantly exceed current liabilities of \$7114.00.

In summary, operating costs exceeded revenue by \$1684.00 in fiscal year 2012-2013.

The society's budget for fiscal 2014 shows a net loss on operations of \$3840.00.

Ed also expressed thanks for donations received, and announced the awarding of two \$1000 grants to schools for nature-related activities.

Ed then opened the floor to questions.

**Motion:** M/S (Lynne Colborne/Joel Duncan) that this financial report be accepted as presented. Carried.

**Motion:** M/S (Jan Brigden/Val Scholefield) that the Society appoints Shahid Naqi Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountant, as the auditor for the year ending September 30, 2014. Carried.

**(3) PRESIDENT'S REPORT** was presented by President, Andrew Hart. Andrew expressed thanks to this year's Board and all the volunteers, and reported on the club's activities.

Andrew announced a special award and gift to Gus Yaki, in grateful recognition of his 11 years as our Field Trip Coordinator. (Gus has previously been given the President's Award and in 2012, Nature Alberta's Loren Goulden Award).

The President's Award was given to:

- Jamie Noakes, who has held a number of Board positions over several years, including that of Natural Areas representative.
- Val Scholefield, who has operated the welcome table at our meetings for several years, and in effect been the "face" of Nature Calgary to new guests, as well as taking on other volunteer positions.

#### **(4) ELECTIONS**

Andrew Hart presented the following list of members who are allowing their names to stand for the 2014 Board election

##### **Officers:**

- President: Andrew Hart
- Vice President: Ian Ross
- Treasurer: Ed Kissinger
- Secretary: Susan Konopnicki
- Past President: Jim Donohue

##### **Directors (9 to 12 required):**

- FAN Representative: John Stewart
- Natural Areas: **vacant**
- Newsletter/website: Linda Vaxvick
- Programmes: John McFaul
- Publicity: Lynne Colborne
- Volunteer Coordinator: Ian Ross
- Director at large: Dan Arndt
- Director at large: Joan Walker
- Director at large: Wayne Walker

##### **Key Representatives (appointed):**

- Membership Secretary: John Laurence
- Bird Study Group Chair: Andrew Hart
- Botany Study: **vacant**
- Field Trips Coordinator: Ian Ross

Three calls were made for further nominations or volunteers for any position. There were no other nominations or volunteers. The slate was approved by acclamation

**(5) Adjournment:** Bev Kissinger moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Carried.