

LLAPS Meeting
Thursday, May 20th, 2010

Doug called the meeting to order at 7:05. In the absence of a guest speaker, Ron Mc offered to provide singing entertainment, which was declined with thanks.

Ann Nightingale (sp?), president of the Rocky Point Bird Observatory, is willing to come in September to discuss topics like bird migration and owl banding. It was suggested that we also ask her to do a “bird walk” to identify what we can see around our lakes.

Doug mentioned the Nanaimo conference on water rights to see if any members were interested in going. Some members expressed interest in hearing the impressive list of speakers lined up for Sunday. We agreed to pay some gas mileage for Ron R who would report back to our group.

Jackie went on a CRD Water Board tour of the Victoria watershed. She was surprised that there was still private logging access very close to the Sooke Lake reservoir itself.

Doug, Jackie and Ron attended a CRD Parks planning workshop. They encouraged members to complete the on-line survey which unfortunately was only available to the end of May. They thought that the 40 some odd people attending the meeting were listened to and their opinions were valued by the CRD people present. Ian also attended and thought one of the most challenging issues was clarifying what was meant and intended by the word “park” itself. For some it meant total wilderness, for others, playgrounds. Trails or no trails also figured into the need for clarity of terminology.

Doug was going to invite Jeff Ward, from the CRD Parks Dept to come to one of our meetings as a guest speaker.

Doug also reported on the failing health of several types of native Dogwood trees around the lakes area. Evidently they are prone to a fungal infestation that will weaken and ultimately kill them. A hybrid variety of dogwood called Eddie’s White Wonder is apparently more disease resistant and is being planted to replace some of the native specimens that have succumbed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Ann N wanted to remind members that Craig Barlow, a MOE biologist, will be meeting interested people at the Ed Nixon trailhead on Saturday June 12th at 2.00 pm to discuss possible projects with fish bearing streams.

