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The 2015 FMCBC AGM hosted by our club us was a great success in both the business and the social aspects. CDMC volunteers came together when it mattered most, and showed delegates and guests from around the province what a great place we live in, and what warm hospitality we can provide. I will briefly go over the weekend events, and the CDMC volunteers who made it happen.

Event Report

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First I want to thank the organizing committee for overseeing the event: Pam M, Tim P, Carol H, Bev and Don K, Krista K, and ok, Bob S.

I also want to thank the following for offering to open their homes for guests to stay overnight: Pam M, Susan H, Glenn & Sheila O, Judy B, Bev and Don K, Joe L, Patricia G, Linda H, Gary H, Barbara L, David T, Terry L, Heather M, Gordon H, Steve M, Petra S, Piet R, Kathryn L, Evie K, Helen J. I had phoned most of the membership about hosting a guest, not realizing that we would get positive responses in excess of the number of guests we had coming. We had to make choices, keeping in mind that many guests had car-pooled and had asked if they could stay somewhat close together. So even if you didn't end up with a guest, I want to sincerely thank everyone for offering to help out!

The Friday night Meet and Greet was held at Creekside Commons, where 40 guests mingled with 15 or so CDMC billet hosts and volunteers. I would like to thank Pam M for the use of this great facility, and Judy O, Pam M, Denise A, David S, Bev K, Paula F, Barbara L, Heather M, Glenny W, Bev K, Carol H, (and certainly more that are not on my list!) who brought baking or helped with preparation, and Carol H and Tim P who topped it off with snacks purchased earlier that day. Tim P and Glenn O organized a continuous slide show, and Paula F, David S, and Geoff B assisted with parking.

The AGM itself was held at the Filberg Evergreen Lounge on Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. Earlier Carol H and Tim P purchased breakfast and lunch supplies to which Carol H, Susan H, and others present helped lay out for delegates. This AGM was the largest ever for the FMCBC, but it all worked out well, with the business conducted in an orderly fashion, and with no tomatoes thrown at me... or at least none scored!

During the day, Tim P and Chris C with Denise A conducted trips for CDMC members and guests who were not AGM delegates. There are reports on these trips for you to read.

There was time for a stroll before dinner at the Blackfin, enjoyed by 40 guests and several CDMC members.

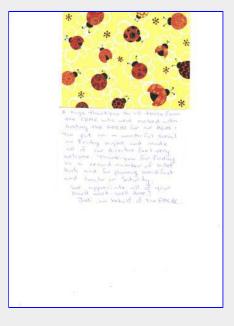
A presentation by Philip Stone attended by about 60 guests and club members was held at the Filberg Evergreen Lounge on Saturday evening. Philip gave an informative and entertaining presentation on the pressures threatening provincial parks, with an emphasis on Strathcona Park. He also touched on some of the wondrous vistas to be seen in the park. The evening was opened with 2 songs by Bill P from the Island Mountain Ramblers, and by Carol H with her <u>superlative video</u> made of the recent herring spawn off Denman Island.

Sunday morning had 2 hiking trips led by Linda H, and Krista K, and 1 kayak trip with Sheila O and Carol H acting as club hosts. Overcast skies broke open to sunshine by noon.

Also on Sunday morning Bob S hosted a meeting of the FMCBC Advocacy Committee on Denman Island with 11 delegates in attendance.

All in all a very successful weekend! These meetings not only get the obligatory AGM business done, but offer club delegates from around BC a chance to reacquaint themselves with one-another, and to experience a new part of the province.

CDMC... you did yourself proud... thank-you!



FMCBC letter of appreciation [Bob St. John photo]

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