



Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2005

Present were: Jerry Azevedo, Cheryl Bastedo, Dick Chase, Dexter, Keith Erickson, Pam Frier, Mike Hoebel, Brian Mitchell, Pearl Roberts.

Brian was reaching for the tallest cluster of plump blackberries, like a fox for grapes, but when Cheryl showed up with a fat sandwich, he buzzed over to the table, like a yellow jacket at a barbecue. Fearing the sandwich would prove too great a distraction, Jerry threw a towel over it, called the meeting to order, and the Naturalists got straight to business...

1. "Species of the Month" project: Pearl has finished a fine article on Garry oaks for the September issue, and Cheryl, between surreptitious bites, said she'd write the October piece about eagles preparing for the summer Olympics. The mood was infectious. Dick offered that he couldn't bear to write about anything alive but said he'd be glad to put together an article about an old fossil. Some of us took offense and hit him with our canes.
2. "Galiano's Natural Areas Brochure" project: Keith asked for guidance as to what picture of a fir tree will grace our brochure. He passed around a page with six examples. The vote was five for one, two for another, with two abstentions. We'll all forget which one we preferred by the time the brochure comes out, so Keith should feel free to go with his gut instinct. That settled, Keith said that it's about time to start talking to the printer, but he's uncertain what to say. Picturing an uneasy silence on the line after the initial "Hello, Hillside Printing, can I help you", Keith asked for guidance. From the other end of the table, Pearl started throwing out terms like "trapping" and "EnviroCrisp paper", and none of us could make heads nor tails of it, so we elected her to coach Keith. A few choice bits of jargon goes a long way in the printing business.
3. The meeting was temporarily disrupted as Dick went to chase small butterflies across the lawn.
4. GN logo: At 1:38 the crowd waiting on the piazza saw white smoke coming from the chimney; the conclave had reached its decision.
5. Bird stuff: Mike had nothing to say about birds. One of us needs to call the people at Ripley's.
6. Shorekeepers: Cheryl had something to say about Shorekeepers, but that's already history.
7. Next meeting time and place: MONDAY, September 12th at 1 PM, most likely at the Activity Center.

And with nothing left to vote on, we all went picking berries and chasing butterflies and trapping 30-pound coated card stock.

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