

BC Nature AGM & Conference May 4-6, 2017, Lillooet Evaluation Form

	Un- satisfactory ☹	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding ☺	Total replies
Registration Process	1	0	10	21	38	70 scores
Evening Presentations	1	4	11	26	28	70 scores
Early Morning Birding	0	0	12	7	11	30 scores <i>Not all attended</i>
Bat outing (if participant)	0	0	1	3	9	13 scores <i>Not all attended</i>
Friday Field Trips	0	1	5	20	44	70 scores
Saturday morning presentations	0	0	6	19	45	70 scores
Saturday AGM in afternoon	0	0	12	19	8	39 scores <i>Not all attended</i>
Venues	0	1	13	30	26	70 scores
Lillooet Hospitality (hotels/campsites/cafes etc.)	0	0	3	22	45	70 scores
Score overall	2 Unsatisfactory 0.4%	6 Below average 1%	73 Average 14.6%	167 Above average 33%	254 Outstanding! 51%	502 scores in total

Comments : general summary

A Selection of Comments on Evaluation Forms for BC Nature AGM & Conference May 4-6, 2017 at Lillooet

I was extremely impressed by the entire AGM get together! Program hugely enhanced by the location and dedication of the Lillooet naturalists.

It has been a pleasure to attend this AGM. Registration was a breeze. Presentations were spectacular. Even, the unexpected challenges of Nature were dealt with effectively. Thank you all for your obvious hard work. Well done!!

A very positive experience all round. Lovely town in a spectacular setting. Exceptional speakers & topics. Varied & well organized venues, wide array of healthy foods. I chose the Spray Creek Ranch tour. What a memorable experience! And one that impressed all of us. Tristan's dedication & enthusiasm were inspiring. What a teacher! No question the whole day was one I will treasure. Aubyn's wonderful organic lunch served in their garden was a real treat. Thank you.

I really enjoyed my visit. Thank you very much.

Thank you all for an excellent conference. The amount of work that went into the planning then the execution was remarkable. Every conference participant will remember Lillooet for its outstanding beauty and hospitality. Many thanks as well to the First Nations community for their welcome and, of course, for the wonderful food. A truly memorable AGM.

Maria's tour was fantastic.
Hike to Fountain Ridge lovely.
Xáxl'ip tour amazing! Kudos all round! Thanks!

Geology with Pierre was exceptional. The field trip was awesome, and the tour guide extremely knowledgeable. People were friendly – shared some ideas. I think that the whole program was well done.

Jeff and partner very knowledgeable and friendly on early morning birding. Fabulous and generous lunch on Saturday. Incredibly well done presentations Saturday morning.

Evening presentations (Thursday and Friday) – both interesting subjects but hard to hear, Friday worse. Maybe not the best acoustics. Friday speaker tried to give too much information in time allotted. Saturday morning presentations got better with each one. Lunch, dessert and dinner were all delicious (Saturday).

Field trips: very knowledgeable and helpful leaders. Loved learning about fishers and wolverines.

Thank you. The yoga was excellent. Such a pity more BC Naturalists didn't take advantage of this event.

Butterfly presentations – slides too crowded. Grasslands – too much material too fast delivery. Re AGM Alan please learn difference between "table" and "refer". Louise, please slow down. Lunch good (at Xwisten). Need more vegetarian fare.

Beautiful area, friendly and knowledgeable volunteers. Thanks for a great weekend.

(It was all) Really fun & informative. Super meeting. My first one and I plan to be back. Thank you for the Hiking Guide and Visitor Guide – we plan to use them.

Food excellent in all locations. Venues all good.

Enjoyed the AGM.

Spray Creek Ranch awesome, hopeful. Tristan has a wealth of sustainable/organic knowledge. Great presentations on fisher and wolverine. AGM long but need a good meeting. Lillooet hospitality awesome! Thank you for a wonderful conference. Lillooet you rock!! We thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Food was delicious! Super meetings! Well organized. Very dedicated naturalist group in Lillooet.

Thanks for quick response to email enquiry (re registration process). Spray Creek phenomenal information and food and wagon ride! Sat. a.m. presentations excellent. Food by Xwisten excellent. Love this place! Quaint Reynolds Hotel good. We are encouraged by the beauty and friendliness of the area and residents. It is so refreshing to see the collaboration between First nations and "others". Our First Nations are leaders in conservation/ecology etc. and we can work together. Thanks for supporting our event and cooking! Glad to hear your speakers on FN concerns. Thank you. A stunningly beautiful area. Thank you. Have to return to do hikes in your book (thanks for copy) and do the train trip. Hope we get Rail Service improved all the way up the line to Prince George!

Great place to have a meeting! Warm hospitality of hosts and townspeople.

Friday field trip very interesting, especially to find out some of these plants are used medicinally & as food. Presentations on wolverines & fishers excellent. AGM needed more microphones among the audience. I stayed at the Reynolds hotel. Not fancy but staff was friendly and room was clean.

Evening presentations: topics fantastic but difficulty with second night. Thank you for all the tremendous efforts. Great to see such a dedicated, knowledgeable, passionate group of naturalists. Certainly a lot of thought and care put in to where and what. Thanks!

Acoustics not great at REC center. Winery was a very nice venue and Xwisten gym also. Really appreciated the efforts to keep the costs down by using different venues (not fancy hotels) and involving the local community venues/businesses.

Audio Thurs & Friday nights a problem.

Kucstum! Yummy lunch. So happy to see LNS members sharing and learning. Sat. a.m. mic was hard to hear presentations.

Picked wrong campsite – Fraser Cove not a good deal (not the organizers' fault). Loved the BC Hydro campground!

Camped at BC Hydro site – excellent. Suggestion: where possible make sure projection screen is at height above heads that the last row can see easily – need 2 mics for questions. Field trips well organized.

Grasslands talk could be bit tighter organized and slower. AGM well run given constraint of managing range of delegates. Very good AGM/weekend experience.

Jared Hobbs needs to talk slower.

Excellent – Great job over all! Bridge River venue: screen should be mounted about 2-4 feet higher on wall; have 2 cordless mics available and people to hand them out for questions. Suggest bigger screen.

Friday presentation: poor acoustics, couldn't understand speaker

Given the size of the audience the slides should have been of individual images to maximize size on wall (Evening presentations). Enjoyed Saturday presentations: very informative & good mix of media (slides, video,

props). Wonderful, nice people attending this event, who are very kind when changes happen to plans.

Registration: lovely food and weather. Unable to hear/understand Hobbs and would have liked more about Grasslands. Geology fascinating. Both Saturday morning presentations were excellent. Venue at Native Centre better than REC Centre.

Evening presentations: too hard to hear, mic bad, poor acoustics in gym, Jared too speedy. Birding great. Sat. am. Presentations excellent, most informative. Retasket Motel good. Dina's great food. Organization overall excellent.

Evening presentations: acoustics were very bad, not the speakers!

Sound quality in REC gym poor. Grasslands talk probably very good, but I could not understand/follow it.

Thursday evening presentation excellent, Friday had great photos but was too casual/disorganized.

Reception at winery needed introductory BC Nature speaker. A very enjoyable and educational weekend. We will be back to further explore and hike the area.

De Oro Hotel very clean, quiet and comfortable. Great organization, lots for everyone, Suggestion: clearer designation of trips into "easy", "moderate", "strenuous"

Bad acoustics at REC center. Good presentations Sat. a.m. but difficulty hearing.

Fountain Ridge hike was good, having someone who could talk about the natural history would have been nice too. Including more than 1 field trip opportunity would be nice.

More field trips (not just one) would have been nice (on different days). Indicate total distance (round trip) on field trips. Appreciate friendly Lillooet Nats!!!

Seton Portage leader outstanding! Reynolds Hotel was perfect. Although Gerald Michel was obviously well respected, his presentation was marred by poor volume and not being very well thought out. A pity, esp. as it was the first presentation. However, fishers and wolverines were great.

Difficulty hearing the speakers except for Thursday night. Also difficulty in hearing half the speakers on Saturday morning.

Registration: keep to one location excellently organized. Couldn't hear Jared, otherwise Evening presentations great. Lillooet naturalists do a fantastic job; well organized and inclusive of the community. Make it look easy but know it isn't! Food has been excellent, and healthy. Thank you! Always love Lillooet!

Re AGM I would like to see a limit to the number of resolutions at the AGM. I found changes to resolutions very confusing because of the rush to get through them. Overall the AGM was organized and went smoothly. Thank you for all the organizing and work by members of the Lillooet Naturalist Club!

REC center acoustics poor, Xwisten good. Excellent Bakery at Abundance!

It would be more convenient for working people if AGMS are organized on long weekends and no workdays are included.

Eleanor wished she had mentioned that if it weren't for the devastation of the salmon runs, salmon would have featured at Xwisten lunch and Saturday night dinner!