



MARS Wildlife Rescue

2018 Annual Report

Helping Wildlife Recover

Prepared by:
Warren Warttig, RPBio
President
Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society
Tel: 1-250.337.2021



MARS Wildlife Rescue
Box 415, 1331 Williams Beach Road
Merville, BC
Canada V0R 2M0
1-250.337.2021
info@marswildliferescue.com

www.marswildliferescue.com

<https://www.facebook.com/mars.comoxvalley/>

British Columbia Gaming Branch



CAMPBELL RIVER MIRROR.com



Cumberland
READY MIX LTD.



CHEK NEWS
YOUR ISLAND'S OWN

Harbour Hideout B&B
Ucluelet BC
<http://www.harbourhideout.com/>

COMOX VALLEY RECORD.com

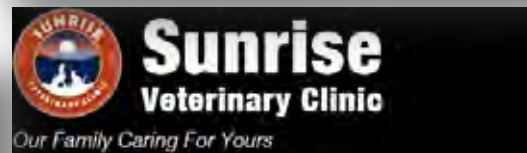


HIGHWAY FOUR
RENTALS

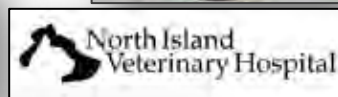


SHAMROCK
VETERINARY CLINIC

COMOX VALLEY ECHO



Pacific Coastal
AIRLINES



LOW HAMMOND ROWE ARCHITECTS

MOUNTAINAIRE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY

Helping Wildlife Recover 2018 Annual Report

Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS Wildlife Rescue) thanks all of our generous contributors for helping us continue wildlife rehabilitation and conservation efforts in 2017/18. These selfless contributions allowed for this year's programs to proceed.

We appreciate the support of the MARS Wildlife Rescue board of directors, staff, contractors and our many dedicated volunteers.

These people are MARS Wildlife Rescue – We are MARS Wildlife Rescue.



Photo by Pearl Mckenzie

SPECIAL THANKS: *We wish to acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia. The BC Gaming Branch was a significant contributor for our 2017/18 education program on wildlife protection and conservation awareness and our rehabilitation program.*

Comox and Strathcona Regional Districts (Directors Leigh, Grieve, Jolliffe and Nicol), Corporation of the City of Courtenay and the City of Campbell River. Local governments continue to be strong supporters of MARS Wildlife Rescue.

Other contributors included Art Martell (Comox Valley Nature), My Tech Guys (providing tech support), John Hastie, Ecole Phoenix Middle School and Bruce Jones and Sam Reynolds. Al Kemp, John Turner & Bill Adamson volunteered at a full-time level for months to get the hospital built.

Support was also received from Wendy Kotilla of the YER Program, Connie Schaad Face Painting, and Cumberland Community School. Sponsorship of much needed MEWS (Homes for our ambassador/education birds) included Marine Harvest, Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association, Campbell River Daybreak Rotary. The Electrical shed was sponsored and built by Warren Warttig, Logical Ecology and the Pump Shed was sponsored by Interfor Corporation. Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial and Cumberland Ready Mix teamed up to provide most of the concrete for MEWS and wildlife recovery buildings and the large flight cage.

Groups and businesses that contributed to MARS events in some way include: Campbell River Logger Sports, Crown Isle Thrifty's, Campbell River Thrifty's Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society, Feathers in BC, Highway Four Rentals. Transport of recovering wildlife included Sealand Aviation, Harbour Air, Pacific Coastal Airlines and BC Ferries.

Publicity came from 97.3FM The Eagle Radio, Comox Valley Record, Comox Valley Echo, Campbell River Mirror and CHEK NEWS – Dean Stoltz, Shaw Cable and from CBC, the Rick Mercer Report.

Berwick Comox Valley, Comox District Consumer's Co-op, Comox Military Family Resource Centre, Courtenay Elementary, Ecole Phoenix Middle School, Fresh Start Health Retreat Centres, Friends of Comox-Lazo Reserve, Hornby Eagle Group Projects Society, Huband Park Elementary, Kiwanis Club of Courtenay, Lake Trail Middle School, Miracle Beach Elementary, Miracle Beach Markets Ltd, North Island College, Orca Probus Club, Strathcona Wilderness Institute Society, Unity Comox Valley, Wayne's Propane, Rotary Club of Courtenay and Courtenay Rotary, Ron Chamberlain and "Friends of MARS". Others that helped us in some way include, Kitty Coleman Woodland Gardens, Sharron Lewis, Woofy's, and Outback Nursery.

The Wickaninnish Inn/Point Restaurant, West Jet, Harbour Hideout Vacation Rental Crown Isle and Westjet provided prizes for our big raffle. Campbell River Museum, River City Art Festival, , Pier Street Farmers Market, Kitty Coleman, Foggy Bottom Fair, Driftwood Mall, Comox Mall and Filberg Lodge helped out. Hector Falcon of falcon Professional Painting donated the painting of the Hospital, the Houle Electric crew volunteered almost 200 hours of electrical work (thanks Don for arranging this!). Thanks to the Home Depot Crew who started the recovery cage project off the back of the hospital.

Help from Veterinary Hospitals was amazing (as usual) and included Shamrock Veterinary Clinic (Thanks Pavel!), Sunrise Veterinary Clinic (thanks Stacey!), Phoenix Rising Veterinary clinic, Van Isle Veterinary Hospital, North Island Veterinary, Campbell River Veterinary and Island Veterinary Hospital.

Gary Allan and Tundra (the wolf) always seems ready to step up for an event. Steve Harding of Timberwolf Tree Service was and still is on standby to climb a tree to rescue an injured bird for us.

Several anonymous donors, and those who cared enough to contribute time and/or supplies also helped us out but are too numerous to mention. 980 individuals donated \$186,320. Every little bit helps to contribute to a lot. Many donors provided assistance directly to MARS Wildlife Rescue for animal care, the 1250 Club and MEWS funding, and through Canada Helps. Of particular interest (and excitement) is the growing number of people contributing monthly (it's easy to set this up on Canada Helps). If you think about it, at \$0.67 a day you hardly notice a change; but that adds up to \$20/month. These monthly contributions provide a level of certainty for us. Last year monthly contributors added up to **\$736 per month**. In 2017/18, 41 people cumulatively donating monthly for a total of **\$971**. We thank all that have donated.

Marjorie Lyon sponsored a wildlife recovery cage. She wanted to see her investment before she died. Marjorie died this spring at the age of age 104 and was able to see pictures of the completed cage with Brinley (owl Gret-horned owl in it).

We apologize if we inadvertently missed any donors.



Kiersten Shyian photo



Kiersten Shyian photo



Pat Scott photo



If you are looking for a simple, no-cost way to help MARS, pick up a Thrifty's card from MARS Wildlife Rescue and every time you use it to buy your groceries with the card 5% of your purchase value goes to us. Last year **\$2,500** was raised.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. SPECIAL THANKS	3
2. President's Report.....	7
3. Source of Rescued Wildlife	10
4. Cause of Injuries.....	10
5. Constitution.....	11
6. Mission.....	11
7. Goals.....	11
8. Objectives.....	11
9. Philosophy	11
10. Board of Directors and Staff 2017/18	12
11. Rehabilitation Summary.....	13
12. Manager's Report.....	13
13. Rehabilitation Report.....	16
14. Education Outreach and Community Events Summary	18
15. Special Events Committee Report.....	19
16. Construction Committee Report	24
17. 2018 Nominating Committee Report.....	28
18. Rural Dividend Fund Report.....	29
19. Finances.....	31
20. 2018 REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT	32
21. Appendix 1 – Property Design of New-MARS 2018	43



How well do you know our Ambassador Birds?

Name	Photo Number	Species
Otus		
Shakespeare		
Horus		
Sawyer		
Lannei		
Brinley		



See page 25 to figure out the answers

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

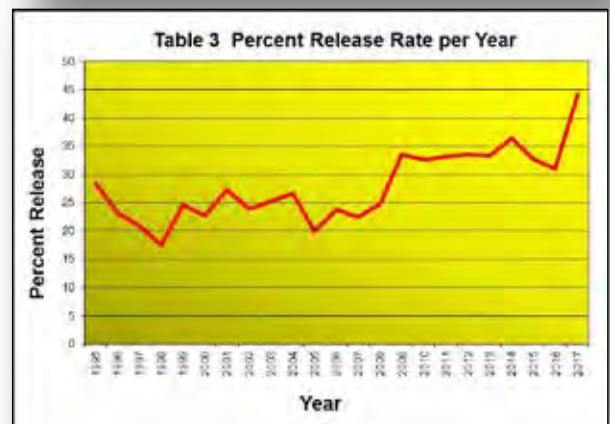
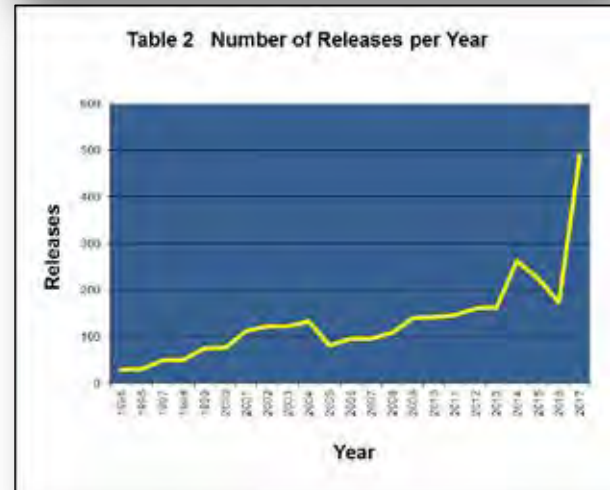
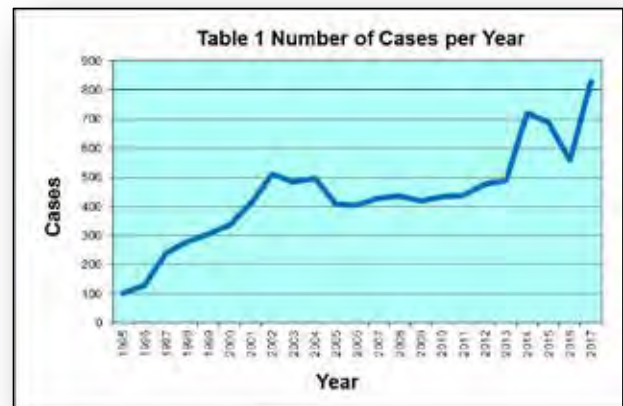
Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS) officially opened its doors in 1995 and recorded a wildlife case load of **102**. Since 1995, we've received **10,005** animals. Our case load gradually increased until 2001 before leveling off to between 400 and 500 animals each year, but in 2014 our case load rose dramatically to **710**. Since 2014 we have averaged **699** injured animals per year (table 1); a continued sign that our new hospital will be put to good use.

Since 1995, we have expanded our mandate to include an active conservation and education component, and more recently we have been involved in greater amounts of conservation issues as well as research and monitoring. This important work helps educate the public and improve land management.

In 2017, we received **828** injured animals (**105** different species), **366** cases were released back to the wild (44% release rate) (tables 2 and 3). This release rate is much higher than usual because 120 Vaux Swifts became trapped in a wood stove (which normally results in a high death rate), but we were able to rescue these birds in time. Normally the success rate is around 30%. Unfortunately many of the animals we receive have serious injuries that render them unable to survive in the wild. From 1995 to the end of 2016, MARS has successfully released **2,952** animals back to the wild; including **114** Bald Eagles.

One of the many important functions that MARS accomplishes is our contribution to recovery of species of interest (yellow listed), species at risk (blue listed) and endangered species (red listed). Endangered is when a species has a population so low and threats (e.g. habitat loss) that are so high that there is a real chance these species could go extinct or be extirpated unless something is done. **Blue-listed** species are those that are showing population decline that could end up as red-listed if something isn't done. Yellow-listed species are those of particular interest. See the Conservation Data Centre website for more information: <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/search.do>

We received **9 blue-listed species** in 2017 which included **10** Great Blue Herons, **1** Marbled Murrelet, **1** Western Screech Owl, **1** Hairy Woodpeckers, **2** Northern Saw-Whet Owls, **1** Double-crested Cormorant, **1** Olive-side Flycatcher, **3** Band-tailed Pigeons and **8** Northern Pygmy Owls.



The 3 red-listed species we received and treated in 2017 included **2 Barn Owl**, **1 Peregrine Falcon** and **1 Western Grebe**.

To learn more about red and blue listed species and ecosystems on coastal British Columbia, check out the fact sheets on: <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/biodiversity/factsheets/>

Members of the MARS' staff during the 2017/18 fiscal year included Diane Weir, who joined us in May as part time manager; Reg Westcott, who has been the supervisor of animal care for many years; Kiersten Shyian, who came to MARS to work as a wildlife rehabilitator in April 2017; Laurie Ulm, volunteer coordinator and administrator; and Robert McLennan; who was employed as Volunteer and Education Coordinator for the Rural Dividend Fund (RDF) project. The Rural Dividend Fund also enabled us to take on small contracts with several people, including Allison Morrison, project manager, who are working with us to create displays for the new visitor centre.

Starting our new fiscal year, we were feverishly trying to finish our new hospital. The fact that we had sold our old property added to the urgency. It wasn't until May 15, 2017 that we were able to move into our brand new hospital. Bill Adamson, volunteering as our contract supervisor, put in a full time effort to get the hospital done by this date after which he and his wife took a long holiday. We can't thank Bill enough for his contribution. The interior of the Hospital was bare and no animal cages were in place; which lead to a regimented construction schedule for the rest of the year. More detail can be seen in the Construction Report.



We have close to 120 active volunteers at MARS Wildlife Rescue contributing in many ways ranging from animal care volunteers, to our group of sewers led by Diane Pollack, to the Special Events Committee led by Lynda Hodgkinson, to the Trail Committee led by Brian Mitchell, to the Construction Committee led by me, to the maintenance committee led by John Turner, and all the volunteers involved in education.

Volunteer Sector	Total Hours
Skilled Animal Care	2,651.05
Unskilled Animal Care	6,331.95
Education	955.50
Parks	188.75
Other	6,245.00
Board	5,121.75
	21,494.00

Volunteer Sector	Total Value
Skilled Animal Care	\$ 53,021.00
Unskilled Animal Care	\$ 126,639.00
Education	\$ 19,110.00
Parks	\$ 3,775.00
Other	\$ 124,900.00
Board	\$ 102,435.00
	\$429,880.00

In 2017, volunteers contributed over **21,494** hours on various projects. This is only from the volunteers that have submitted their time; the actual volunteer time is likely much higher. For example, our local veterinary clinics contribute an incredible amount of time, and Norm Snihur (who is always on standby to provide helicopter support for injured or sick wildlife) tend not report their hours.

Our Board of Directors and associated committees have shown an incredible team effort that is not often seen in volunteer organizations. Our adopted educational birds (ambassador birds) are popular at many public events that we attend. The dedication and the quality of work of our volunteers and staff is inspiring. When translated to a value of the volunteer time, it is especially clear what a strong resource MARS Wildlife Rescue is.

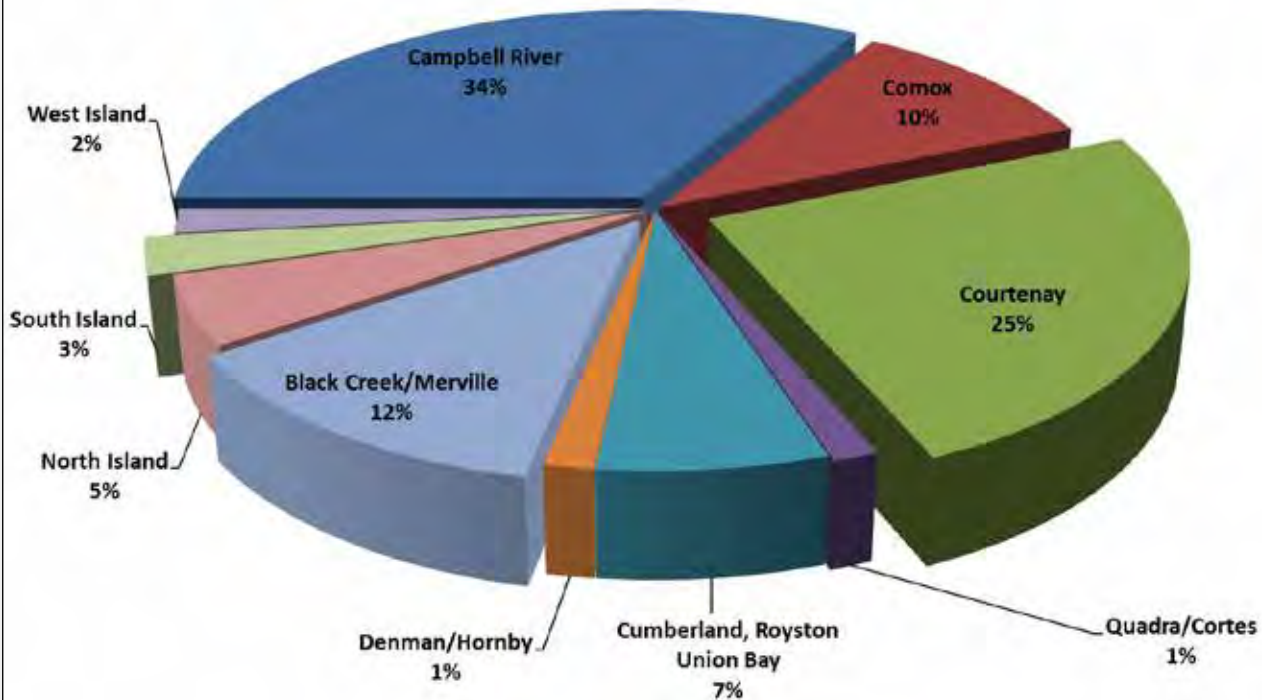
We received donations from people all over the world; many of the donations were small, but the sheer number resulted in a substantial total. Donations are our single biggest funding source (thanks all!).

Warren Warttig, RPP
President

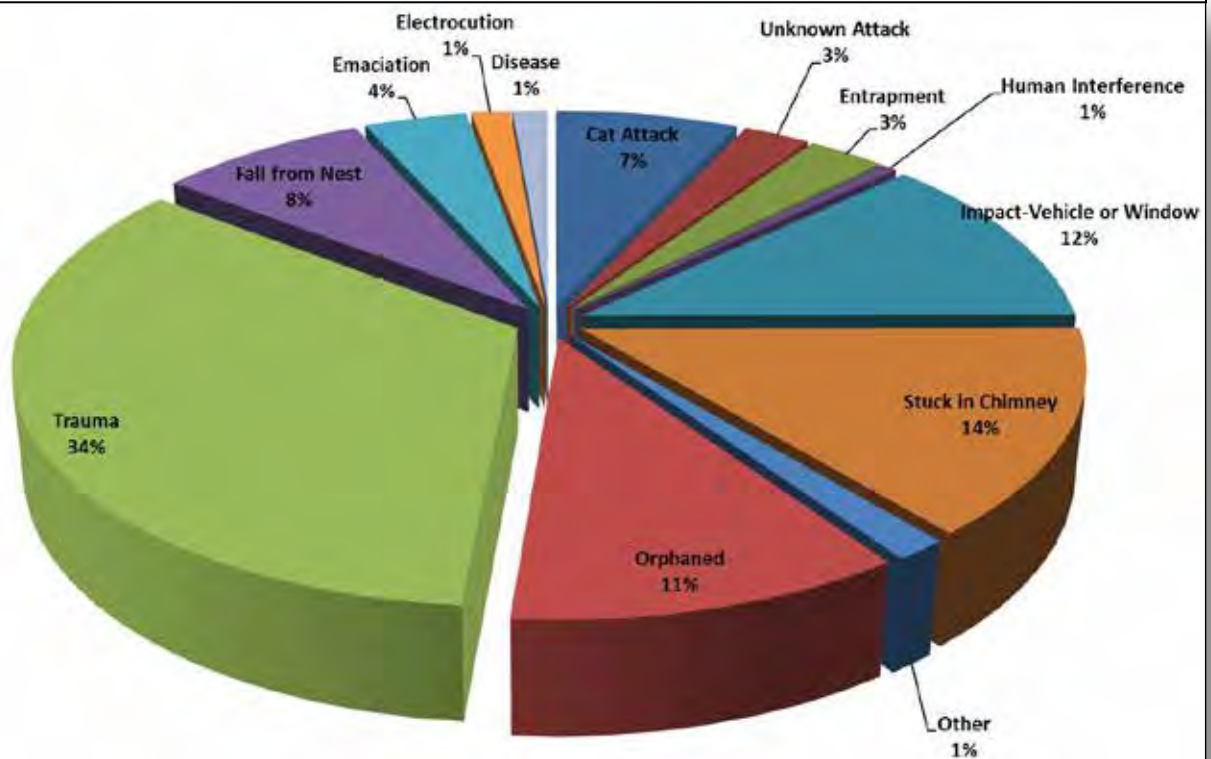


Pearl McKenzie Photos

Source of Injured Wildlife brought to MARS Wildlife Rescue



Cause of Injured Wildlife brought to MARS Wildlife Rescue



CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is Montaine Avian Rescue Society (MARS)
2. The purpose of the Society is:
 - a. To rescue, transport, rehabilitate, and release ill, injured, orphaned, or oiled wildlife.
 - b. To educate the general public about wildlife issues through lectures, displays, workshops, reports and publications.
 - c. To contribute to the knowledge and understanding of wildlife by participating in research, and sharing that information with wildlife organizations and the general public through meetings, seminars, conferences, reports and publications.
 - d. To conserve and protect wildlife and promote conservation of wildlife habitat.
3. Upon winding up or dissolution of the Society, the ordinary resolution authorizing such winding up shall specify that any remaining assets belonging to the Society shall be distributed to a registered society having objectives similar to those of the Society, after all debts have been paid, or a provision for payment made. This provision is unalterable.

MISSION

To conserve and protect native wildlife and its natural habitat through education and rehabilitation.

GOALS

To reduce suffering of wildlife, often affected by human influences and educate the public about their effect on nature and how to reduce that impact.

OBJECTIVES

Provide a safe, stress-free environment for wildlife to recover. To contribute to the knowledge and understanding of wildlife by participating in research and sharing information with wildlife and professional organizations and the general public through meetings, lectures, displays, workshops, seminars, conferences, reports and publications.

PHILOSOPHY

We are a non-profit organization. Our energy is totally directed towards rehabilitation and education, and the funding for those endeavors. We abide by all governing laws and regulations under which we operate. MARS holds permits from federal and provincial governments that allow us to rescue, keep in captivity and care for wildlife.

The intensive care unit (ICU) at the centre and outdoors pens are off-limits to the public due to permit restrictions and because wildlife become stressed around people. We endeavor to maintain high standards of care and ethics and to work cooperatively with many related organizations.

We strongly advise against keeping any wildlife species as pets and make every effort to ensure that all wildlife patients remain wild. We work closely with several local area veterinarians and receive many referrals from the SPCA. Before admitting any case, every effort must be made to resolve the situation (e.g. reunite fledglings with their parents). We are not a relocation service for nuisance animals.

We are primarily concerned with treating those animals which are in distress due to human related activities (e.g. car, cat, oil). Human intervention (picking up fledglings off the ground) is discouraged and return to the parent should be immediate. Where it can be determined, we will not interfere with animals in distress due to a natural process (e.g. natural predator/prey interactions).

The responsibility of care of domestic animals falls under the jurisdiction of the Veterinarian Act. Therefore, we cannot accept or attempt to diagnose problems concerning domestic animals, accept them for treatment, housing, or try to find homes for them. This includes chickens, peacocks, domestic ducks and pigeons.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF 2017/18

Warren Warttig – President Warren.Warttig@gmail.com Registered Professional Biologist, Consultant 3811 Mitlenatch Drive Campbell River, BC V9H 1J7 Work: 250 926-0001 Cell: 250 616-8689	Paul Jackman - Treasurer pauljack@telus.net Retired Accountant 2175C Arlington Place Courtenay, B.C. V9N 9C5 Home: (250) 331-2627
Pearl McKenzie – Vice President pearl_mckenzie@telus.net Retired Consultant 8685 Beach Crescent, Black Creek, BC V9J 1K1 Home: 250 337-1934 Cell: 250-650-6837	Julie Hunt – Secretary wholio12@shaw.ca Resource Consultant 158 Manor Drive, Comox, BC V9M 1C7 Home: 250 339-0980 Cell: 250 218-4960
John Turner jwayneturner@gmail.com Retired Conservation Officer 926 Stewart Ave Courtenay, BC V9N 3H2 Home: 250 334-3319	Megan Burns mhmburns@gmail.com GIS Specialist, Coastal Woodlands, Interfor 827 Merecroft Road, Campbell River, BC, V9W 6T7 Home: 250-895-0229 Work: 250-286-5170
Lynda Hodgkinson pauljack@telus.net Retired Medical Office Assistant 2175C Arlington Place Courtenay, B.C. V9N 9C5 Home: (250) 331-2627 Cell: (250) 792-5075	Jamie Bryant jamie.lynne.bryant@gmail.com Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society Community Engagement Coordinator Box 587, Heriot Bay, BC V0P 1H0 Cell: 250-895-0043
Brian Mitchell temagamimitchell@gmail.com Retired BC Treaty Commissioner PO Box 311, 8068 Harmony Crescent, Merville, BC, V0R 2M0 Home: 250-337-0133 Cell: 778-585-0120	Coral Taylor marionskiss@hotmail.com Hairstylist – First Choice Haircutters, Animal Caregiver #11-1957 Guthrie Road, Comox, BC, V9M 2J2 Home: 250-890-7584 Cell: 250-203-7938
Sue Sundby suesundby@gmail.com Previous occupation: HR advisor, School District #71 131 Carthew Street, Comox, BC, V9M 1T4 Home: 250-890-3393 Cell: 250-218-3935	Ruth Hibberson Hibberson@shaw.ca Retired Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 4704 Gail Crescent, Courtenay, BC, V9N 5Y4 Home: 250-334-1827 Cell: 250-898-4697
Staff: Diane Weir, Manager d-weir@shaw.ca 405 Davis Street, Comox, BC, V9M 1K4 Home: 250-339-3580 Cell: 250-703-3776	Staff: Reg Westcott , Supervisor of Animal Care & Educational Outreach raptorreg@live.ca Personal Cell: 250-702-3974
Staff: Kiersten Shyian , Animal Care Technician kierstenshyian@yahoo.ca 101-4699 Alderwood Place, Courtenay, V9N 9A1 Cell: 780-884-8533	Staff: Laurie Ulm , Volunteer Coordinator & Administration laurieulm@marswildliferescue.com Box 252, 8030 Memory Lane, Merville, BC, V0R 2M0 Home Phone: (250) 337-5281 Cell: 250-897-6306
Staff: Robert McLennan , Consultant for Rural Dividend Fund Project and volunteer. mars.coordinator@gmail.com MARS Office: 250-337-2042 Cell: (250) 465-2578	Staff: Allison Morrison , Consultant for Rural Dividend Fund Project gak@shaw.ca Home: (250) 335-2261 Cell: 250-702-3636



Kiersten Shyian photo

REHABILITATION SUMMARY

Animal Care Statistics

Passerines	498
Raptors	105
Waterfowl	98
Terrestrial Mammal	65
Marine Mammal	7
Sea Birds	1
Shorebirds	50
Game Birds	8
Amphibian/Reptile	2

Total: 828

Total Species 105

Disposition

Released	319
Transferred/Released	50
Deceased	284
Euthanized	175
TOTAL:	828

Educational Ambassadors:	6
---------------------------------	----------

Final disposition statistics

- 44 % released
- 22 % euthanized
- 34 % died



Kiersten Shyian photo

MANAGER'S REPORT

To say that 2017 was a year of change for MARS is an understatement. In May, MARS moved from its home of 25 years, upsizing to a new 11 acre property and a purpose-built animal wildlife hospital that our founder Maj Birch helped design.

As you all know, any move is challenging - boxes of donated supplies, dozens of cages and kennels, sheets, towels, blankets, bird feeders, taxidermy mounts, shelving, cupboards, garden tools, freezers and buildings too - all had to be packed up and then unpacked and placed in new locations. With many willing hands and over many days, we did it. Members we hadn't seen in a few years arrived with trucks and made many trips to the land fill, recyclers, or to the new location.

The 2017 flock of baby birds arrived as we were unpacking and setting up the hospital, bringing more challenges, and our rehab work began for another year. Our experienced caregivers and dedicated staff - with the help of 23 students, many new members and new caregivers- managed it all. We were kept busy through to August with the baby birds and orphans.

I remember one day in particular, the day we moved three small buildings from the old site. We had struggled with finding somebody to move these cabins, needed for sleeping accommodation for the students, when one day two businesses (Bruce Jones Contracting and O'Leary Contracting) joined forces to do the impossible: move these three buildings the five kilometers to the new site. This daunting job was over so fast - they were done by lunch. Another challenge was overcome with dedicated volunteers (and heroes).

As the year progressed we met with more changes and challenges and found more solutions, one by one.

In June and July, the volunteer construction team reused and repurposed dozens of items to make caging or storage facilities. One returning volunteer was part of the team that built cages 20 years ago. Welcome back Rick.

The ambassador bird handlers and the fundraising team attended over 140

bookings in schools and public settings. With this increased volume we found we needed to train more ambassador handlers and bird handling classes began in September. With many weeks of effort, we can now look forward to including these volunteers in this summer's busy schedule.

Through this year MARS has made many new connections and reinforced old ones. The list of people and businesses that helped with our needs is a long one. One example, from September, brought a new addition to the property: a chain saw carving of a Griffin, donated by Waypoint Insurance.



Diane Weir photos

This carving will stand near the Visitor Centre when it is completed in 2018. In heraldry, the Griffin denotes courage and boldness as well as strength and leadership. Also thought of as king of all creatures, Griffins are known for guarding priceless possessions, which is very appropriate for the patients in our care.

The staff and caregivers have added more tools for diagnosis throughout the year with the assistance of local vets, other rehabbers, and donations of equipment and supplies. September brought a tremendous public response for MARS' Open house, and large number of requests for information about volunteering for MARS. We provided property tours all day, showing hundreds of people what had been accomplished so far on the new site. Throughout the year, we have done many property tours informally as people came out to donate and show support. The local interest in MARS progress has been heartwarming; we've added 74 new members, and scheduled multiple volunteer orientations with over 45 new volunteers.

To keep our members informed we created two newsletters in August and November. Through Facebook, MARS shared our stories, our needs, and our successes with you all. Your response has been hard to measure, so we adopted new software to gather it all; more change.

We met more new faces through hosting of the IWRC basics skills course organized by Allison Morrison, some from as far away as Nova Scotia and Washington State. This course is an essential for wildlife rehabilitation workers. The 43 people who registered included five of our own caregiver volunteers and our President, who wanted to test their skills, with four others from MARS acting as lab assistants to Dr. Pavel Palkiewicz of Shamrock Veterinary Clinic. Our wildlife hospital now has four new graduates on our caregiving team.

As the year closes, we have recorded over 21,494 volunteer hours. The efforts by all the staff, volunteers, & members to make this move to our new property succeed have been astounding. As one of the founding board members, many years ago, I never would have foreseen what we accomplished this year! 2017 will be memorable for many reasons.

Many thanks to all of you, people who donated cash or goods and those who volunteered in so many ways, for doing what needed to be done for MARS in 2017. I look forward to sharing our successes with you all in 2018 as well.

Diane Weir, Manager



Diane Weir photo

REHABILITATION REPORT

Many demolition and salvage projects had to occur at the old MARS site. Some old site cages were demolished/sanitized as we were trying to care for and move patients. Therefore, as many patients as possible were transferred to other rehab sites. Many thanks to all who participated in the demolitions and the eventual move. Actual final patient move was 22 May. ICU, Clinic, Bunkhouse and Swan pen material were all relocated to new site.

Sea lion calls: DFO has to give us permission to intervene with all sea lions & sea otters with eventual transfer to Vancouver Aquarium. We can rescue seal pups only. DFO & MMR work to rescue sea lions and otters and we are permitted to assist under their supervision. We are allowed to rehabilitate river otters, as they are terrestrial animals.

May-June: Early at the new hospital, much time was spent trying to keep areas quiet for babies while active construction zones were in operation. Unpacking and sorting vs feeding & admitting.

Early June: Reg was asked by M.O.T. (Len Selecki) to do bio sample collection & synopsis on Gold River Highway as a large number of birds were being struck by vehicles. Reg & student volunteer did a sample collection and ID'd Red Cross Bills which are highly migratory. They were likely looking for conifer trees to nest in, and gleaning salt & sand from the roads. MARS received \$4978.00 for this report.

May: Robin & Mallard babies started arriving

June 02: Fawns started arriving. Total 18 admitted: 3 died, 5 euthanized and 10 rehabbed and eventually released in 2018

End of May-June: 3 oiled eagles came in, all from different areas. All but 1 were successfully cleaned and released; 3rd was a vehicle strike and was euthanized.

June: 2 +1 river otter pups came into care. Initially kept indoors but moved outside once Otterwa was constructed. In the past otter pups were transferred as they need to be reared with others. We kept them here as there was no room at other centers, and we had more than one. Rearing the otters proved to be a very good learning experience but highly labour intensive as they went through approximately 24 towels each day. Laundry was continuous but greatly helped with the purchase of a new washer & dryer. We were also helped with the donation of salmon frames in late summer which were picked up weekly. June-September: ++ \$ spent on fawn care (disposable gloves changed between EVERY feeding) and supplies (goat's milk approx. 84L/week @ \$5.97/L...that's \$501.48 per week folks!) Some milk was covered by gift cards from Quality Foods but this ran out very quickly.

August: Rick Mercer here and filmed his season premiere show featuring MARS patients, staff and an eagle release at Williams Beach. All ambassadors were transferred from old MARS with all but Hy & Humpty (at Reg's place) and Horus (at Jo's place).

September 23: First Open House held at site of new hospital. Over 1300 people attended. \$10,061.20 given in donations.

October: NIWRA Rehab Course was hosted by MARS and was held @ Mt. Washington. Coral, Nancy and Kelsey were certified. Started conducting ambassador handler classes. Eight people started with only 2 finishing.

Oct to Dec: 8 Northern Pygmy Owls brought into care...an unusual number seen. All were successfully rehabilitated and released. (Or was this 1 Pygmy Owl returning 8 times. We DO treat them very well!)

November: New washer and dryer installed. FINALLY caught up on laundry! We had huge loads all summer as the otters used up to 24 towels each day on top of all other laundry used. Dr. Scott Foster DVM volunteered here prior to moving to Newfoundland. During this time we started doing blood and stool sampling on a more regular basis. Also started investigating and researching blood lead testing/treatment in raptors as we see so many (especially) raptors sick with unknown cause that we have to consider lead ingestion. (Lead testing equipment has been recently donated as of April 2018)

Student volunteers: 22 students: Canada 3; Europe 11; UK 5; USA 3. 12 were booked through Experience Education for which MARS received remuneration for 10 as 2 had been booked prior to the monetary agreement.

Unusual species seen at MARS in 2017: Northern Fulmar, Leach's Storm Petrel, Golden Eagle, Western Grebe, Pigeon Guillemot, Common Nighthawk, Spotted Sandpiper chick, Sandhill Crane, Harlequin Duck, Tundra Swan and Wood Duck

Reg Westcott, Supervisor of wildlife Care



Warren Warttig photo



Kiersten Shyian photos

EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS SUMMARY

MARS' education volunteers and staff made a total of 168 different presentations during the 2017 year accompanied with an ambassador bird or, on several occasions, several ambassador birds. In addition to MARS Events, there were 61 classroom visits at 41 different schools; trips out to 4 daycares or early education centres; 13 presentations to 9 groups of young people at camps or as members of clubs and a whopping 86 public events that took place over 92 days. A very conservative estimate of the time that volunteers gave to the MARS Education Program would come to at least 1,350 hours or 168 eight hour days.

Our new visitor centre will offer learning opportunities about wildlife and habitat when it opens but there will always be a need for education outreach to groups unable to come to us. MARS thanks the staff and volunteers who provide this invaluable service to our community.



Kim Stallknecht photo



Diane Weir photo



Warren Warttig photo



Warren Warttig photo

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Our new year, beginning in March of 2017, was so exciting with all the construction going on at the new site. Our fundraising events were pretty much on hiatus over the winter although the planning sessions and ideas for raising funds and new campaigns are always front and centre. We did attend the C.R. Indoor market a couple of times during March and also the Comox Mall for two days.

1250 Club campaign where a person could purchase a virtual square foot of the hospital to help with the build, ended with over \$81,000 raised. After this, the flight cage campaign was started whereby people could donate \$100 to the fund to build a large flight cage and receive a certificate of membership.

May Events: May 7th - The River Never Sleeps put on by the Fanny Bay Salmon Enhancement Society. MARS brought in **\$333.30**. Saturday Farmer's Market - \$140 raffle and \$76.30 donations for a **total of \$216.30**. May 20 - Cumberland Market Day. \$133 merchandise, \$15 membership, \$460 raffle sales and \$110.40 donations for a **Total of \$718.40**. May 20, 21, 22 - Kitty Coleman (raffle launch) Six fabulous prizes. We made \$566 in merchandise, \$20 in memberships, \$1,770 in raffle ticket sales and \$283.55 in donations for a **total of \$2,639.55**. May 30 - outside Crown Isle Thrifty's - Membership - \$10, Donations - \$156.60 Raffle - \$740 for a **TOTAL of \$906.60**.

Total for May events: \$4,814.15

June Events: June 2nd - Scotiabank on 5th street - \$470 Raffle sales and \$241.50 in donations for a total of **\$711.50**. June 3, 4 Fish and Game two day - \$223 merchandise \$500 raffle sales and \$101.25 donations for a two day total of **\$824.25**. **June 4th** - Walk for Wildlife in CR. Sea Walk at Frank James Park. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We had three previous walks in Courtenay which were successful and since we want to include the Campbell River area in our events, we changed the venue this year. It wasn't as successful as we had hoped but brought in a **total of \$448**. June 10th Comox Mall - Merchandise \$88, Membership \$10, Raffle sales \$130, Donations \$62.10 for a **total of \$290.10**. June 15th - Comox Rec Centre - Raffle sales \$210, donations \$7.50. **Total \$217.50**. June 16th - Griffin Liquor store - **total \$645.80**. June 17th - Pacific Playgrounds - **total \$301.50**. **June 18th** - Comox by the Sea - Raffle sales - \$640 Donations - \$67.80 plus \$1USD Merchandise - \$108 **Total \$815.80**. **Art Knapp's** - raffle sales and donations, **total \$324.95**. June 24th Pets in the Park-total **\$802.80**. June 27th- Art Knapp's -raffle sales, **total of \$300**.

Total for June events: \$5,682.20



July Events: Canada Day, \$780 raffle sales, \$15 membership, \$413 in merchandise and \$276.25 in donations for a grand **total of \$1,484.25**. In addition, a gentleman who donated \$100 at the Canada Day booth, came in the next day with a cheque for another \$400. July 4th - Table at Superstore \$194.20 donations \$100 Flight Club \$500 raffles sales **Total \$794.20**. July 4th - Driftwood Mall \$290 raffle sales, \$20 memberships, \$55 in merchandise and \$67.25 donations for a **Total of \$432.25**. July 7th table at Thrifty's on Cliffe - \$390 raffle sales and \$84.85 donations for a **total of \$474.85**. July 8 - Walmart \$154.20 in donations and \$770 in raffle sales for a **total of \$924.20**. July 9th - Roy's Town Pub Event (burger & a beer) - everything including the Pub's total for portion of meals donated, silent auction, raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets and donations. **Total of \$3,436**. July 11th - Driftwood Mall - \$35 merchandise (tote) \$10 sr. membership \$65.10 donations \$200 raffle sales. **Total of \$310.10**. July 14th - Thrifty's on Cliffe - \$97.40 in donations and \$410 raffle sales. **Total \$507.40**. July 15th - Sieffert's Farm Market - \$700 in raffle sales, \$423.65 in donations Total \$1123.65. July 16th - Wings and Wheels CR - raffle sales, donations, **total \$1242.60**. July 22nd Market Day - \$409.15 donations \$279, merchandise \$35 membership \$700 in raffle sales for a **Total of \$1423.15**. July 22nd River City Arts Festival - \$333.50 donations \$580 raffle and \$107 merchandise **Total \$1020.50**. July 22nd CDN Tire - \$211.60 donations and \$200 raffle sales for a Total of **\$411.60**. July 23rd CDN Tire - \$240 raffle and \$108.45 donations for a **Total of \$348.45**. July 28th - Griffin Liquor Store \$280 in raffle sales and \$138.30 donations. **Total of \$418.30**. July 29th - Sieffert's Farm Market \$460 in raffle sales and \$366.70 in donations for a **Total of \$826.77**.

Total for July events: \$15,578.67

August Events: Aug 5, 6, 7 - Nautical Days \$731.30 in donations, \$1490 in raffle sales and \$1,023 in merchandise for a **total of \$3,244.30**. Aug 11, 12, 13 - Logger sports, \$15.15 donations, \$240 raffle sales, \$2,500 donation from organizers for timing for a **total of \$2,755.15**. Aug 12th - Pagan Pride \$360 in raffle sales, \$80.15 in donations and \$59 in merchandise. **Total of \$499.15**. Aug 15th - CR Superstore - \$230 in raffle sales, \$61.55 in donations. **Total \$291.55**. Aug 22nd - CR Canadian Tire - \$270 in raffle sales, \$112.97 in donations and \$5.25 in Canadian Tire money. **Total \$388.22**. Aug 26th Driftwood Mall \$200 raffle \$70 merchandise \$119.40 donations **Total \$389.40**. Aug 27th Whistle Stop Pub - \$300 raffle sales and \$25 donation **Total \$325**. Aug 28th CR Save-on Foods - \$520 raffle sales and \$392.25 donations **Total \$912.25**. Aug 29th CR Thrifty Foods - \$630 raffle sales, \$193.75 donation and \$10 membership **Total \$833.75**.

Total for August events: \$9238.77



September Events: Sept 2,3,4 Kitty Coleman with summer raffle prize draw. Income for the 3 days was almost **\$4,100**. This involved a lot of volunteer time and thank you to everyone who helped at this event. **Raffle sales from all venues from May 20th -Sept 4th were over \$24,000 which is the best we have ever done.** Black Creek Fall Fair Sept 9th - Very inclement weather. The proceeds were \$390 in 50/50 tickets (this was the launch of this campaign) \$78 in merchandise, \$32.80 in donations for a **total of \$500.80**. Driftwood Mall Sept 16 - \$90 merchandise, \$20 memberships, \$345 50/50 and \$172.80 donations for a **total of \$627.80**. **Sept 23rd Open House** - \$1,387 merchandise, \$2,293.25 donations, \$1,950 EACH for Flight Club and Raptor Sponsorship, \$280 memberships, \$1,345 50/50 and \$855.95 food. **Grand total of \$10,061.20!!!** Along with 1,301 in attendance is an all-time record. Well done volunteers and staff! **Sept 23rd Apple Press Party at the Filberg** - \$165 50/50 and \$7.90 donations for a **total of \$172.90**. **Sept 24th Haig-Brown House Festival** - \$300 raffle and \$82.05 donations for a **total of \$382.05**. **Sept 26th RMR season opener** - \$169.80 in donations at pub showing Sept 30th Foggy Mountain Fair - \$235 50/50, \$188.65 donations and \$163 merchandise for a **total of \$586.65**. Sept 30th Superstore - \$455 50/50 and \$55 in donations for a **total of \$510**.

Total for September events: \$8,111.20

October Events: Oct 7th Walmart - \$342.85 in donations, \$810 in 50/50 sales for a **total of \$1,152.85**. Oct 10th Quality Foods Comox - \$140 donations \$10 membership and \$60 50/50 for a **total of \$210**. Oct 13th Scotiabank - \$475 50/50 and \$70.15 donations for a **total of \$545.15**. Oct 14th Comox Rec Centre - \$45.05 donations and \$65 50/50 for a **total of \$110.05**. Oct 17th Quality Foods Comox - \$175 50/50 and \$45.70 donations for a **total of \$220.70**. Oct 21st Cdn Tire CR - \$93.25 donations and \$340 50/50 for a **total of \$433.25**. *Oct 22nd Jazz in the Den* - \$75 50/50 and \$19.50 donations for a **total of \$94.50**. Oct 27th Comox Mall - \$203 merchandise, \$6.35 donations and \$90 50/50 for a **total of \$299.35**. Oct 28th Driftwood Mall - \$386.95 donations \$155 50/50 and \$68 merchandise for a **total of \$609.95**. Oct 28th Halloween at the CR museum - \$56.80 donations and \$175 50/50 for a **total of \$231.80**

Total for October events: \$3,908.60



November Events: Nov 3rd Comox Mall - \$180 50/50, \$124 in merchandise, \$60.25 in donations for a **total of \$364.25**. Nov 4th Driftwood Mall - \$321 merchandise, \$34.15 donations and \$105 50/50 for a **total of \$460.15**. Nov 10th Comox Mall - \$17.30 donations, \$100 50/50 and \$247 merchandise - **Total \$364.30**. Nov 17th Comox Mall - \$90 50/50, \$55.55 donations and \$65 merchandise. **Total \$210.55**. Nov 18th Campbell River Cdn Tire - \$37.60 donations \$305 50/50 and \$150 merchandise. **Total \$492.60**. Nov 25th Thrifty's Crown Isle - \$535 50/50 and \$422.95 donations. **Total \$957.95**. Nov 25th & 26th Filberg Craft Market - \$1435 merchandise \$241.10 donations and \$450 50/50. **Total \$2126.10**

Total for November events: \$4,975.90

December Events: Comox Mall Dec 1st - \$70 50/50, \$113.75 donations and \$252 merchandise for a **total of \$435.75**. Dec 2nd & 3rd Black Creek Christmas Craft Fair - (2nd) \$70 50/50, \$169.25 donations and \$112 merchandise. (3rd) \$190 50/50 \$253.90 donations and \$197 merchandise for a **two day total of \$992.15**. Dec 8th Comox Mall - \$210 50/50 \$40.55 donations and \$90 merchandise. **Total of \$340.55**. Dec 9th Campbell River Canadian Tire - \$157.55 donations \$360 50/50 and \$30 merchandise. **Total of \$547.55**. Dec 16th Comox Mall - \$223 merchandise \$405 50/50 and \$106.95 donations. **A total of \$734.95**.

Total for December events \$3,050.95

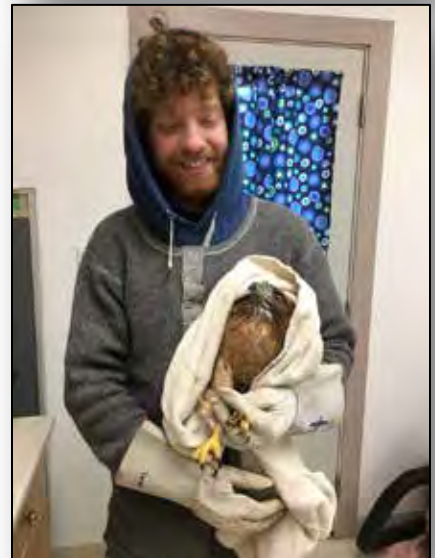
Our 50/50 draw ended with the winner receiving **\$4,387.50**

February Events: Feb 17th Garage sale we **made \$3,197.98**

Total of February events: \$3,197.98

MARS Wildlife Festival: This new festival has replaced the Bald Eagle Festival that we formerly hosted for 11 years in CR; it and was held March 17, 2018. The results from the Wildlife Festival will be reported in the next fiscal year report.

At the end of our fiscal year, 28 February 2018, we had been on the new property for nine months. Through all the ups and downs and after the many times we wondered if we would be able to do this; here we are at the New MARS.

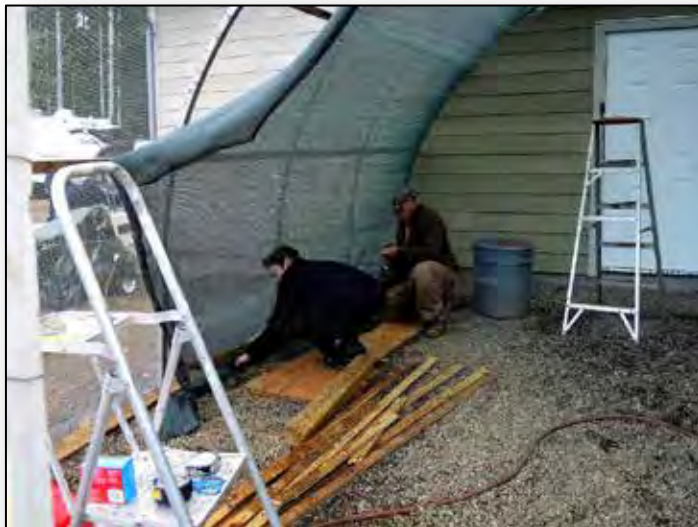


Kiersten Shyian photos

We have built a new hospital for the precious wildlife we rehab, we have built new homes for our wonderful ambassador birds, we are constructing a flight cage large enough to accommodate recovering raptors and we broke ground in February and have started to build a beautiful Visitor Centre to engage the public. With grants and generous donations and the outstanding work of our volunteers at all the previously mentioned events, we are fulfilling Maj's dream and we know how proud she would be.

I know I said it last year and the year before but it is worth saying again. Although our numbers are small, we have a super committee and we manage to get the job done. We are always exploring ways to put MARS in the spotlight while at the same time, raising funds to keep the operation running smoothly. Our supervisor of animal care, Reg and the bird handlers and ambassadors are an integral part of all our events and they educate the public, young and old who are always fascinated to learn about wildlife. A big "thank you" to all of them; and to Laurie Ulm, our volunteer co-coordinator. We welcomed a new manager, Diane Weir and she is doing a fantastic job and she along with the Board of Directors that are very approachable and the "go to" people for whatever support we need.

Lynda Hodgkinson, Special Events committee



Pearl McKenzie photo



Pearl McKenzie photo



Kiersten Shyian photo

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT

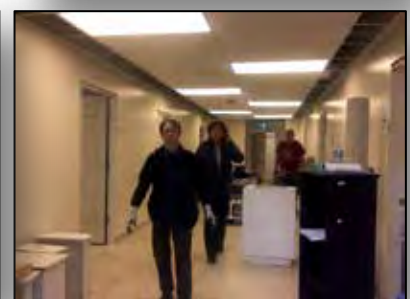
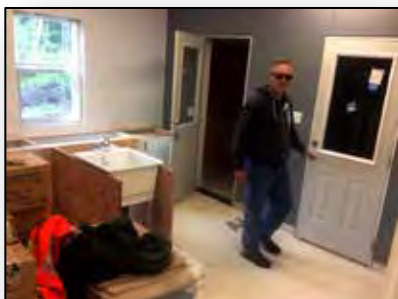
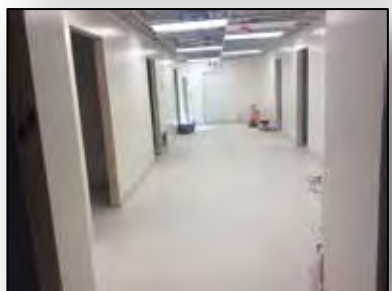


Robert McLennan photos

At the old MARS site, we spent 20 years constructing outbuildings as we needed them, one at a time, every three or four years. When March 1, 2017 rolled around, the last of the snow had disappeared, we had power to the hospital and the interior of the hospital was still being worked on. Don Gulliver (with Houle Electric) was leading a team of electricians (Rob deHaas, Shae Clandening, Lowell Beaucage, Adrian Lucieer, James Lawrence, Todd Hedquist, Brandon Nesbitt and Mark Perry) to get the wiring done. The cool part is that they also continued work in their off-time amassing 194 volunteer hours with a value of \$14,977.50. Shortly after completion we received a \$20,000 cheque from BP2 Construction.

The May 15 deadline to move into the new hospital seemed a comfortable distance away. For Bill Adamson, the full-time volunteer construction manager, it was a day he was really looking forward to. He had committed to get the hospital to lock-up by May 15 and after that he was a free man. Soon, however the panic started to set in for the rest of us. Dozens of schedules and to-do lists were made for an orderly exit from the old site. Not all of the outbuildings at the old site could be moved, and some had degraded to the point that they were no longer usable. Moving to "New-MARS" did proceed; not as orderly as we had hoped, but we did it in the end. Now the daunting task of construction was in front of us.

First was getting the hospital workable. This included installing the drop ceiling, cupboards, counters, counter tops, shelving, painting and much more. As covered in the Manager Report, we had old and new volunteers from all over Vancouver Island show up to help.



Next was the multitude of outbuildings required, that included a pump shed, animal recovery free standing buildings, animal recover enclosures off the back of the hospital, a Freezer Shed and places to



Pump Shed



Warren Warttig photos



Septic



Swan Pen



Flight Pen

Kim Stallknecht photo

house our Ambassador Birds (MEWS)...not to mention the large flight cage and rebuilding the Swan Pen. Interfor Corporation sponsored the pump shed and it was built quickly by volunteers. This building was a priority for getting water to the hospital and for a functional septic system. Water was connected and the septic system was functional as May 11, 2017.

The animal recovery buildings started in May, and were still ongoing into the next fiscal year. Some temporary structures were put in off the back of the hospital, and the permanent "Global" cage for baby birds was installed.

For the MEWS and animal recovery buildings Cumberland Ready Mix donated most of the concrete for the seven pads, and the Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial provided most of the concrete needed for the large (120' x 40') flight cage.

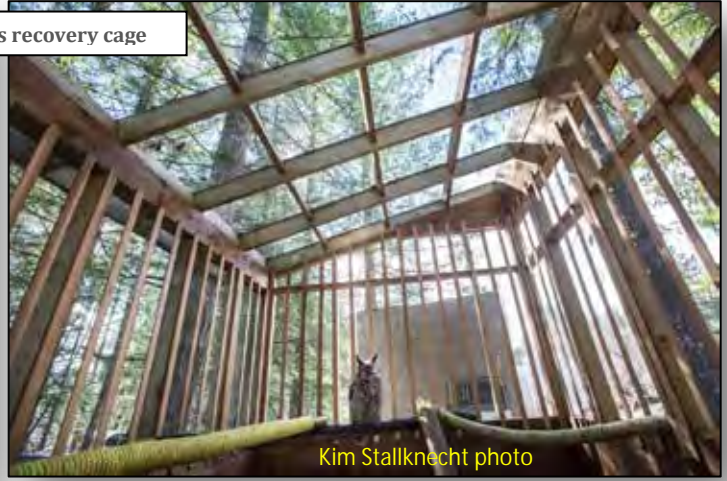
Marjorie Lyon sponsored the first animal recovery cage, that ended up being a MEWS for Brinley, our Great-horned Owl (this hop-sotch routine will be on-going until all of the cages are built). The MEWS for our Barred Owl, Shakespeare (Shakespeare's Hamlet) was repurposed from an old pigeon coop. The MEWS for Otus, our Coastal Western Screech Owl was sponsored and built by the Campbell River Day Break Rotary but currently houses Horus, our Red-tailed Hawk.

The Mews for Lannei (our interior Western Screech Owl) was sponsored and constructed by Courtenay and District Fish and Game Protective Association. The structure now houses Otus and Lanei.

The MEWS for Horus was sponsored by Marine Harvest. This 56'x12' structure was designed for a bird the size of Horus, but because it was our biggest MEWS, it now houses our two Bald Eagles.



Marjorie Lyons recovery cage



Kim Stallknecht photo



Shakespeare's Hamlet



Shakespeare's Hamlet



Otus MEWS



Lanei MEWS



Warren Warttig photos



Warren Warttig photo

Horus MEWS currently housing the Eagles



Kim Stallknecht photo

We still need funding to build proper sized MEWS for the two Bald Eagles and Shakespeare, and to build a permanent MEWS for Brinley. We still have a lot of work to do to finish the large flight cage, and will build as funding allows.

On February 11, we started work on our Visitor Centre. This building is partially funded by ICET (Island Coastal Economic Trust), from donations and the rest from a bank loan from Coastal Community Credit Union. The building will be primarily for educational purposes. We hope generate revenue to help operate MARS instead of relying so heavily on donations. By March 1, 2018 the footings were done and the forms were in place for the concrete wall supports.



Start of the Visitors Centre



Warren Warttig photos

Thanks to Paul (?), Rick Cooper, Gordon and Sonya Tooker, John Turner, Robert McClennan, the Home Depot Crew, Arnold and Jackson, Diane Weir, Leslie Clisby, Megan Burns, Valerie Berry, Kirk Sundby, Ernie Stefanik, Sam Reynolds, Bruce Jones, Bill, Galadriel, and the dozens of other volunteers that helped us with construction.

Warren Warttig, Construction Committee

2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following Board members were elected for a two year term at the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on April 29, 2017 at the Merville Community Hall and will complete their term next year in 2019:

- John Turner
- Paul Jackman
- Lynda Hodgkinson
- Sue Sundby
- Coral Taylor

Ruth Hibberson was also elected to the MARS Board at the 2017 AGM but resigned during the year. We thank Ruth for her valuable service on the Board.

The following Board members, who were elected in 2016 and are finishing their term this year, have indicated that they are willing to continue to serve as directors on the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society Board for a two year term to end in 2020. I nominate:

- Warren Warttig
- Julie Hunt
- Pearl McKenzie

Brian Mitchell and Jamie Bryant resigned during the year and Megan Burns has finished her term as a Board Member and will not be standing for re-election. We thank them for their valuable service to MARS.

I also nominate:

- Heather Hastie, who is a member of the Visitor Centre Planning Group;
- Nicole De Wilde, who is already working with the Board on press releases and newsletters; and
- Linda Graf, a volunteer caregiver

In summary, we are nominating to the MARS Board of Directors for the 2018 – 2020 term of office: Warren Warttig, Julie Hunt, Pearl McKenzie, Heather Hastie, Nicole De Wilde and Linda Graf.

John Turner, Chair of the Nominating Committee



RURAL DIVIDEND FUND REPORT

For many years, MARS has wanted to build a home for our educational program, especially to create an opportunity for young people to participate in our work, as they are among our strongest supporters. During the 2017 year, MARS received a grant from the Rural Dividend Fund that is helping us to achieve this goal.

In our new visitor education centre, we will tell the stories of our patients (which most often need our help because of negative interaction with people or human activities) and offer information about how to reduce harm to wildlife and habitat.

It is our objective that the displays and exhibits will inspire young people to explore and care for the natural world and help visitors to understand and enjoy the riches of our natural environment. Hopefully, tourists will find information and opportunities to enrich their visit to northern Vancouver Island and local residents will return frequently to take part in an ongoing discussion about what each of us can do to contribute to conservation.

We also anticipate that the visitor centre will be a source of revenue to support the rehabilitation program. As our caseload increases, it is getting harder and harder to raise enough money for our ongoing operating expenses. We are told that our visitor centre can expect between 10,000 – 20,000 visitors per year. A small admission fee and sales from the gift shop would help significantly with our rehabilitation costs.



Warren Warttig photos

For the past year we have been working hard to develop indoor and outdoor displays and educational materials. The grant funds have enabled us to consult with aboriginal elders, ensure scientific accuracy for our materials and involve young people in this work. In the coming months we will be recruiting and training additional volunteers who will welcome visitors and ensure they have a good experience.



If all goes well with the construction, the visitor building will open this fall. We look forward to welcoming you to this 'first ever' home for MARS education program.

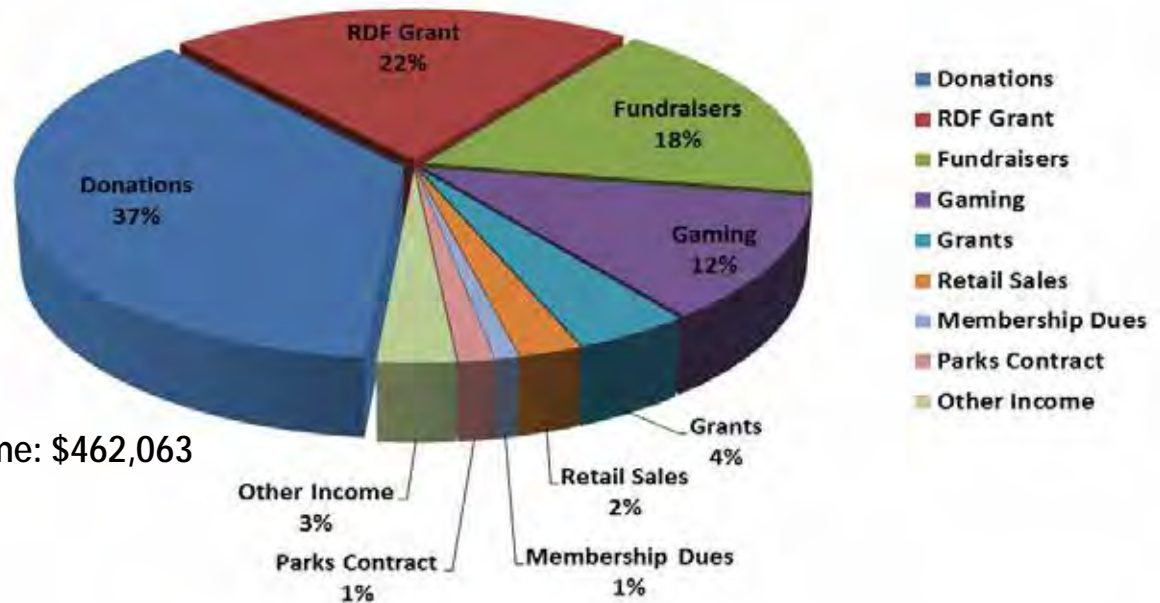
Pearl McKenzie, Vice-President



Kim Stallknecht photos

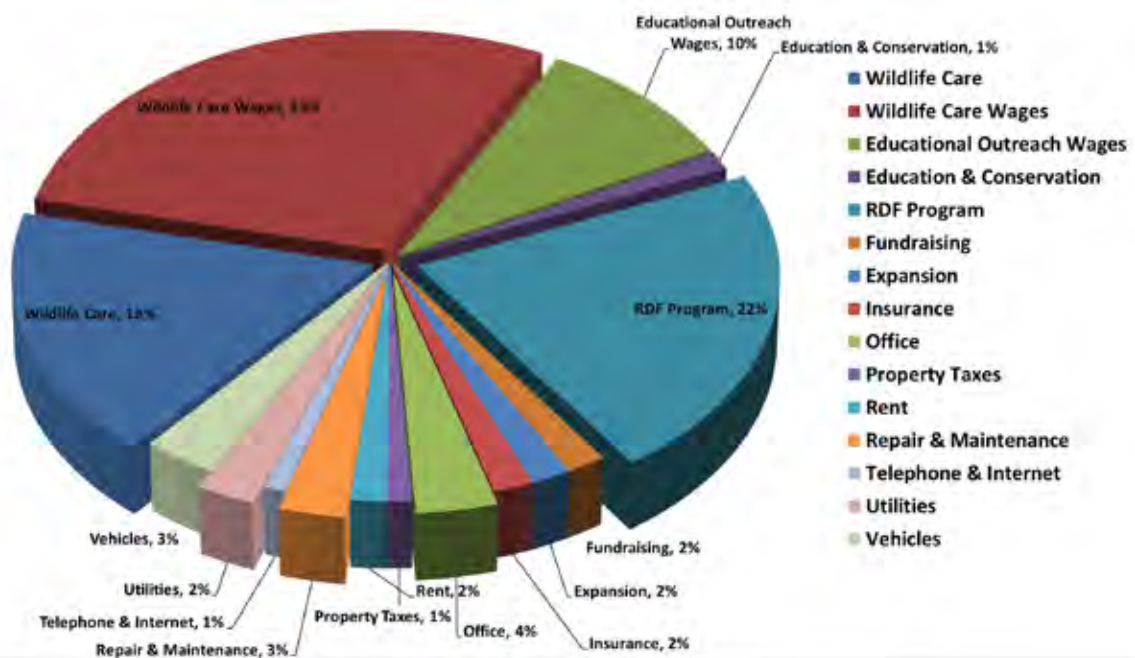
FINANCES

2017 Funding Sources



Total Income: \$462,063

2017 Funding Uses



Total Expenditures: \$305,160

2018 REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

MOUNTAINE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
Financial Statements
Year Ended February 28, 2018
(Unaudited)

MOUNTAINE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
Index to Financial Statements
Year Ended February 28, 2018
(Unaudited)

	Page
REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT	1
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
Statement of Financial Position	2
Statement of Changes in Net Assets	3
Statement of Revenues and Expenses	4
Statement of Cash Flows	5
Notes to Financial Statements	6 - 9

INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society,

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society that comprise the statement of financial position as at February 28, 2018 and the statements of revenue and expenses and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory verification using review procedures. Accordingly, our review of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, excess of revenues over expenditures, current assets and net assets.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society as at February 28, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Campbell River, British Columbia
May 11, 2018

MOELLER MATTHEWS
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS


MOUNTAINAIRE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT FEBRUARY 28, 2018

	General Fund \$	Gaming Fund \$	New Mars Fund \$	TOTAL 2018 \$	TOTAL 2017 \$
ASSETS					
CURRENT					
Cash	19,286	28,280	52,135	99,701	285,787
Accounts receivable	735	766	2,888	4,189	25,676
Inventory (Note 4)	2,864	-	-	2,864	900
Prepaid expenses	1,310	-	-	1,310	9,924
	24,195	29,046	54,823	108,064	322,287
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 5)	20,597	12,458	961,721	994,776	860,351
INTERFUND LOANS	(5,748)	384	5,364	-	-
	39,044	41,888	1,021,908	1,102,840	982,638
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT					
Bank indebtedness (Note 6)	-	-	1,353	1,353	-
Accounts payable (Note 7)	11,824	-	55,898	67,722	46,848
	11,824	-	57,251	69,075	46,848
NET ASSETS					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	5,623	29,430	-	35,053	29,462
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS	1,000	-	2,936	3,936	243,977
INVESTMENT IN PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	20,597	12,458	961,721	994,776	860,351
	27,220	41,888	964,657	1,033,765	933,790
	39,044	41,888	1,021,908	1,102,840	982,638

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

 Director

 Director

See notes to financial statements

MOUNTAINAIRE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AT FEBRUARY 28, 2018

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Gaming Fund</u>	<u>New Mars Fund</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	\$	\$	\$	2018	2017
				\$	\$
SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	70,273	22,000	841,517	933,790	613,828
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(43,053)	27,888	115,140	99,975	319,962
TRANSFER OF FUNDS (NOTE 10)	-	(8,000)	8,000	-	-
SURPLUS - END OF YEAR	<u>27,220</u>	<u>41,888</u>	<u>964,657</u>	<u>1,033,765</u>	<u>933,790</u>

See notes to financial statements

MOUNTAINEER AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
AT FEBRUARY 28, 2018

	General Fund	Gaming Fund	New Mars Fund	2018	2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE					
Donations and Fundraising	124,775	40,538	102,628	267,941	484,436
Grant revenue	17,357	55,000	100,000	172,357	55,252
Memberships and other income	12,814	3	2,749	15,566	6,883
In-kind revenue (Note 9)	234,446	231,200	15,829	481,475	278,345
Wildlife Fest revenue	-	-	-	-	620
Parks revenue	8,200	-	-	6,200	3,100
Loss on disposal of assets	(35,921)	-	-	(35,921)	-
	<u>359,671</u>	<u>326,741</u>	<u>221,206</u>	<u>907,618</u>	<u>828,416</u>
EXPENSES					
Advertising	1,984	-	-	1,984	4,038
Amortization	8,735	2,198	15,774	24,707	11,072
Freight	30,992	-	226	31,218	12,522
In-kind (Note 9)	234,446	231,200	15,829	481,475	278,345
Insurance	2,172	3,245	-	5,417	4,893
Interest and bank charges	2,230	-	12	2,242	1,799
Office	2,806	190	1,497	4,593	7,880
Professional fees	2,923	-	-	2,923	4,505
Property taxes	-	-	3,198	3,198	2,996
Rent	2,600	2,250	-	4,850	11,400
Repairs and maintenance	8,032	361	528	8,921	3,488
Subcontractors	-	-	23,597	23,597	2,631
Supplies	19,837	11,255	5,273	36,365	34,525
Telephone	1,633	1,095	-	2,728	4,545
Utilities	3,447	4,812	338	8,597	7,473
Vehicle	6,886	2,552	9	9,226	11,572
Wages	76,122	39,695	39,785	155,602	104,970
	<u>402,724</u>	<u>298,653</u>	<u>108,066</u>	<u>807,643</u>	<u>508,454</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>(43,053)</u>	<u>27,888</u>	<u>115,140</u>	<u>99,975</u>	<u>319,962</u>

See notes to financial statements

MOUNTAINAIRE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AT FEBRUARY 28, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN):		
Operating Activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	99,975	319,962
Charges to income not involving cash:		
Amortization of property and equipment	24,707	11,072
Loss on disposal	35,921	-
Contributed assets	-	-
	<u>160,603</u>	<u>331,034</u>
Change in non-cash working capital:		
Changes in accounts receivable	21,487	(24,472)
Changes in inventory	(1,964)	(900)
Changes in accounts payable	18,874	41,435
Changes in prepaid expenses	8,614	(9,264)
Cash flow from operating activities	<u>207,614</u>	<u>338,733</u>
Investing Activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(395,053)	(213,413)
Cash flow used by investing activities	<u>(395,053)</u>	<u>(213,413)</u>
 Change in Cash During the Year	 (187,439)	 124,420
Cash - Beginning of Year	<u>285,787</u>	<u>161,367</u>
Cash - End of Year	<u><u>98,348</u></u>	<u><u>285,787</u></u>
 Cash consists of:		
Cash	99,701	285,787
Bank Indebtedness	(1,353)	-
	<u><u>98,348</u></u>	<u><u>285,787</u></u>
 See notes to financial statements		

MOUNTAINE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended February 28, 2018
(Unaudited)

1. PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Mountaine Avian Rescue Society (the "Society") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Society Act of British Columbia. As a registered charity the Society is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The Society operates to conserve and protect native wildlife and its natural habitat through education and rehabilitation.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fund accounting

Mountaine Avian Rescue Society follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The General Fund accounts for the Society's program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The Gaming Fund reports revenues and expenses, assets and liabilities related to the Community gaming grant as granted by the British Columbia Gaming Commission. Use of these funds is subject to specific limitations as specified by the British Columbia Gaming Commission.

The New MARS Fund reports assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses related to the expansion of the Mountaine Avian Rescue Society's new hospital and interpretive centre.

Donated services and materials

The operation of the organization depends on the contribution of time by volunteers; donated materials from various sources, and donated services by professionals. The fair value of donated materials is determined at the time of donation, while the fair value of services are based on specific price lists and the value of donated time is based upon the British Columbia Gaming Commission guidelines of \$20/hr.

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO).

(continues)

MOUNTAINE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended February 28, 2018
(Unaudited)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes only cash on deposit with accredited Canadian financial institutions.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Property and equipment is amortized over its estimated useful life on a declining balance basis at the following rates and methods:

Buildings	4%	declining balance method
Equipment	20%	declining balance method
Motor Vehicles	30%	declining balance method
Computer Equipment	50%	declining balance method
Furniture and fixtures	20%	declining balance method
Parking lot	8%	declining balance method

Property and equipment acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until placed into use.

Revenue recognition

The Society follows the restricted fund method of accounting for revenue. Any restricted revenue not allocated to a specific fund is accounted for with the deferral method through the General Fund. The remaining revenue is recognized in the period received.

Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

MOUNTAINE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended February 28, 2018
(Unaudited)

4. INVENTORY

The Society records inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	2018		2017	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Cost	Accumulated amortization
Land	\$ 389,500	\$ -	\$ 389,500	\$ -
Buildings	559,539	13,497	228,362	11,856
Equipment	6,029	5,060	6,029	5,020
Motor vehicles	58,492	35,016	43,836	28,096
Computer equipment	4,207	4,207	4,207	4,207
Furniture and fixtures	34,376	25,765	32,935	23,793
Parking lot	29,640	3,462	29,640	1,186
	<u>\$ 1,081,783</u>	<u>\$ 87,007</u>	<u>\$ 734,509</u>	<u>\$ 74,158</u>
Net book value	<u>\$ 994,776</u>		<u>\$ 660,351</u>	

6. BANK INDEBTEDNESS

	2018	2017
Coastal Community Credit Union – Expansion Chequing	<u>\$ 1,353</u>	<u>—</u>

The Society has an unused operating line of credit for up to \$50,000 with Coastal Community Credit Union, the applicable interest rate is prime + 3%.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	2018	2017
Accounts Payable	\$ 60,995	\$ 44,330
MasterCard Payable	341	992
EI Payable	1,003	360
CPP Payable	2,113	674
Federal Income Tax Payable	3,192	835
PST Payable	78	—
Vacation Payable	—	1,258
GST Payable	—	399
	<u>\$ 67,722</u>	<u>\$ 48,848</u>

MOUNTAINAIRE AVIAN RESCUE SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended February 28, 2018
(Unaudited)

8. LONG TERM DEBT

The Society obtained proceeds of a mortgage for \$275,000 from the Coastal Community Credit Union in March 2018. The mortgage is secured against the land and building of the Society and will have an applicable interest rate of prime + 2% with interest only payments until the Visitor Centre is complete.

9. IN-KIND DONATIONS

	2018	2017
Donated Labour In-kind	\$ 234,446	\$ 158,251
Donated Labour In-kind Gaming	231,200	—
Donated Labour In-kind New MARS	15,829	120,094
Expensed Labour In-kind	(234,446)	(158,251)
Expenses Labour In-kind Gaming	231,200	—
Expensed Labour In-kind New MARS	(15,829)	(120,094)
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

In-Kind labour is calculated using guidelines from the British Columbia Gaming Commission. During 2018, the Society received 2,651 hours of skilled labour (3,033 – 2017), 13,721 hours of general labour (6,827 – 2017) and 5,122 hours of Board member time (3,853 – 2017). All labour is assigned a value of \$20/hr. Each hour is treated as revenue and expense resulting in no impact on the excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses.

10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

As shown on the statement of changes in net assets, there was a transfer of \$8,000 from the Gaming fund to the New Mars Fund. The funds were received from the Comox Rotary Club, from their Gaming funds, and were used to purchase capital assets that are located at the new facility.

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides information about the Society's risk exposure and concentration as of February 28, 2018. There has been no change in this analysis from the prior year.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The majority of the Society's accounts receivable is due from the Government of Canada. The Society is currently not exposed to significant credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Society is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its funders and donors and other related sources and accounts payable. Due to its cash position, the Society is currently not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

APPENDIX 1 – PROPERTY DESIGN OF NEW-MARS 2018



Please find my cheque enclosed for my membership: Membership Category: Individual \$15, Senior/Student \$10, Family \$25

Plus an additional donation for a total Amount of: \$

MARS Wildlife Rescue, Box 415, 1331 Williams Beach Road, Merville, BC Canada, V0R 2M0

Tax Receipt Requested?		Yes	No	(Receipt cannot be issued for membership fees)

Please charge my:	Visa	MasterCard
-------------------	------	------------

[illegible]

A one time charge of: \$ _____

A monthly charge of: \$ _____ (I may cancel this authorization at any time with written notice)

Signature: _____

Name:	
Address:	
City & Postal Code:	
e-mail:	
Phone Number:	

All information will be kept within MARS and NOT made available to anyone else without your written permission.

Please call (250) 337-2021 if you have any questions