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MINUTES – General Meeting – February 1st, 2022

Via ZOOM

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1. **Welcome and call to order** – Syd opened the meeting at 7:30pm.
2. **Introduction of Executive** – Syd introduced the executive and welcomed everyone to our February general meeting.
3. **Welcome new members** – Syd welcomed our new member – Rayme McMahon. and all guests that were present.
4. **Approval of Agenda** – Approval of the Agenda was given by the membership which included the addition of Anita denDikken's conservation report, under Item. 10. Other Business.
5. **Approval of January 4th, 2022 general meeting minutes** – Motion moved by David Hoar and seconded by Annie Kaps. Adopted.
6. **Financial/Membership Report** - Jim reviewed our January financial statement and informed us that our bank balance is \$17,628.93. This amount includes the \$10,000. received from the dissolution of the Boundary Bay Parks Assoc. and the approximately \$4,500. allocated for the brochures.

To date, we have 65 individual memberships and 36 family memberships for a total of 101 memberships.

7. **Report on January 28th executive meeting** - Lorraine summarized the January executive meeting and emphasized four items – 1. Elizabeth and Syd are approaching other conservation groups to write articles for our Nature Notes column in the Optimist 2. David confirmed that the nature brochures were almost complete and that they were finalizing the last two. 3. Elizabeth informed us that speakers had been arranged up to and including June, 2022. 4. The executive

deferred discussion on a return to in-house meetings for now. A full summary of the executive meeting can be found in our February newsletter.

Jim Kneesch acknowledged the great work of Audrey Coutts in the production of the monthly DNS newsletter.

8. **Video presentation – Nature in Colour – Birds** – Jonathan Mwenifumbo presented a beautiful video on the photography he has taken of birds over the last few years. The music accompanying the photographs was by American artist Kira Wiley and titled ‘Colors’.
9. **Tom Bearss Bursary Endowment Report** – Audrey Coutts gave us a report on the completion of the Tom Bearss Bursary endowment drive. To date the amount in the fund is \$61,344. We will be receiving an annual report on the performance of the fund along with the names of the bursary recipients. One student who won this year’s bursary wrote a letter of thanks and it is published in our February newsletter along with a report from UBC. Audrey thanked everyone for their generosity.
10. **Other Business – Conservation Report** – Anita denDikken reported on two items. The application to expand the Fortis LNG storage facility and the proposed expanded jetty has been on hold. The Minister of Environment has given approval for the environmental impact assessment to be conducted by the province of B.C.

Surrey’s application to rezone the Little Campbell River ESA, Hazelmere Campbell Valley, to industrial has been sent back to Metro Vancouver staff for discussion of concerns raised by directors with City of Surrey staff. This area is a part of the Fraser delta with numerous species at risk in the Little Campbell Watershed.
11. **Adjournment** – Syd adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.
12. **Presentation by James Casey of Birds Canada on Climate Adaptation and Shorebirds** – Elizabeth introduced James Casey. He gave us a very interesting and informative presentation. For further information please see the Birds Canada web-site - www.birdscanada.org
13. **March’s presentation** – Our next general meeting will be held on Zoom on March 1st, 2022 at 7:30pm. David Hoar will be speaking on Underwater in Micronesia.

Elta Marotto was the winner of the door prize presented to her by Lorraine Mwenifumbo, our Social Coordinator.