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MINUTES – General Meeting – May 3, 2022

Via ZOOM

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1. **Welcome and call to order** – Lorraine opened the meeting at 7:30pm.
2. **Introduction of Executive** – Lorraine introduced the executive and welcomed all members and guests to our May meeting.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Approval of the Agenda was given by the membership.
4. **Approval of April 19th general meeting minutes** – Minutes were approved with one amendment under No.7 to include the sentence – *David thanked Anne for chairing the Birds & Biodiversity Committee and her leadership in the initiative to create eight new nature brochures.* Motion moved by Val Fuller and seconded by Audrey Coutts.
5. **Financial Report** – Jim reviewed our April financial statement and informed us that our bank balance is \$6,670.48. There is \$3,000. outstanding for the brochure project and we estimate we will be \$215. under budget for the brochures.
Jim reported that we have 37 family memberships and 66 individual memberships.
6. **Report from the Cascade Bird Box Team** – Jack MacDonald reported that metal roofs were installed on existing Barn Owl boxes. This is expected to reduce the extreme heating conditions experienced last summer in the interior of the boxes. The Team has transitioned into constructing bat boxes. They installed a bat box with the City of Delta at Ladner Harbour Park.
7. **Environmental Concerns** – Anita denDikken – The federal government agreed to the provincial government conducting a joint environmental assessment of the FORTIS proposed Tilbury expansion. The B.C. Environmental Assessment Agency has received public input on what factors to consider in the assessment.

Anita thanked Elizabeth and our member Mary Savage in their successful efforts to bring the issue of the harassment of snakes to the attention of the City of Delta, the other levels of government involved as well as the public.

BC Nature intends to write to the provincial government asking that they ban ALL rodent pesticides.

- 8. Other Business** – Lorraine mentioned that we look forward to receiving a report on the City Nature Challenge results. She thanked Anne, Terry, Glen and all the other volunteers who played a significant part in this undertaking.

She announced that DNS has provisionally secured the Hall at the All Saints Anglican Church in Ladner for our in-house meetings when they resume in September.

- 9. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned and at that time Jack MacDonald entertained us with a wonderful video of a barred owl in a magnolia tree just outside his home.
- 10. Presentation** – Elizabeth introduced Kirstin Hill who gave us a us a very informative and enthusiastic presentation on Bird Friendly Coffee & Certification.
- 11. Next Month's meeting** – Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30pm via Zoom. Our speaker will be Ron Long who will speak on Chasing Wild Orchids and other Botanical Adventures in Western Australia.