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DELTA NATURALISTS SOCIETY MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Welcome: Tom Bearss, President, welcomed members and guests to the December Christmas meeting and introduced Executive members present: Anita Den Dikken, Jim Kneesch, Syd Barber, Audrey Coutts and Elizabeth Perrin who was taking minutes. Mike Betts was selling 50/50 tickets. Tom advised that starting with our January 2020 meeting, 50/50 ticket prices will be one for \$3.00 and two for \$5.00. **Note: This has been amended to one ticket for \$2.00 and three tickets for \$5.00.**

Minutes: David Hoar moved approval of the circulated, draft minutes of our November 5, 2019 meeting prepared by Elizabeth Perrin. Valerie Fuller seconded the motion which was passed. These minutes will be posted on the "Members Only" portion of our website.

Mail: The only items in the mail were membership dues cheques, including from new member Susan Mooney..

Treasurer & Membership Report: Jim Kneesch reported an end November bank balance of \$7,457. Paid-up membership is now 30 family, 60 individual. Jim also advised that the honorarium for speakers is being raised to \$50 from \$40, that he is seeking a new Membership Coordinator, that DNS has made a \$100 donation to OWL and he is working on a DNS Administrative Manual.

Publicity: Publicity is going very well and Tom thanked Geof for another very artistic poster.

Newsletter: Tom thanked Audrey Coutts for yet another excellent newsletter. Audrey reminded members that input is always appreciated.

Social: Joanne Williamson thanked members for the lovely array of goodies provided for this special Holiday Season meeting.

Environmental Issues:

1. Anita advised of an e-mail from Roger Emsley regarding Roberts Bank T-2 which she will forward to members.

2. Members were reminded that there will be a Mason Bee workshop at the Tsawwassen Library March 31, 2020. A presentation will focus on the importance of Mason Bees as pollinators and the speaker will also be selling Mason Bee houses.
3. Anita commented on a recent article she had read about the danger of keeping cell phones close to the body (e.g. in a pocket).

BCN & Speakers: The January meeting will feature Jocelyn Demers video "The Future of Birds" and Anita has a number of speakers lined up for future meetings.

Activity since November 5 meeting:

Four DNCB outings –Boundary Bay Dyke Trail at 104th St., Stanley Park, Blaine and Semiahmoo Park in Washington and Terra Nova Park in Richmond this morning. Check the DNCB blog at www.dncb.wordpress.com for reports and photos.

Note: Outings leave Petra's at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings.

Other Activity Reports since November 5 Meeting:

1. Tues. Nov. 12, Delta Museum & Cultural Centre meeting re: Pacific Flyway exhibit, 2:00 p.m., attended by Anne, Geof and Tom.
2. Mon. Nov. 18, DNS Executive Meeting, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
3. Fri. Nov. 22, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority land use plan meeting David Hoar (and Roger Emsley) represented DNS. Roger Emsley's report circulated. Note: There is an online survey on this topic which interested individuals can complete prior to December 9.
4. Sun. Dec. 1, Santa at Cammidge House, BBPA event, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Future Meetings /Events:

1. Fri. Dec. 6, BBPA meeting, Cammidge House, 10:00 a.m. to noon.
2. Wed. Dec. 11, Birds on the Bay outing, Cammidge House, 9:00 a.m. to noon.
3. Sat, Dec. 14, Vancouver Christmas Bird Count (CBC).
4. Sat. Dec. 21, Ladner CBC, Terry C. coordinating Delta Nats. Petra's at 8:00 a.m.
5. Mon. Dec. 23, DNS Executive Meeting, Tom's home. Time to be determined.
6. Sat. Dec. 27, White Rock/Surrey CBC.

Other Reports/Issues for Discussion:

1. Bird Box Team Report –Jim Kneesch reported that another 8 interior and 4 exterior Barn Owl boxes have been completed.

2. DNS Program Review Update –Syd Barber thanked Anne M. and the group who developed the survey (with the help of Anne's daughter) and members who took the time to complete it. DNS Executive will review the results, come up with ideas from the responses and feed back to members for their input.
3. Tom advised that Metro Vancouver had donated three attractive taxidermied birds to DNS.

Presentation: David Hoar and Noreen Rudd gave an extremely interesting presentation on their travels in Southern Africa, Kenya and Tanzania. As always their presentation included much more than photos.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 7:30 p.m. with Jocelyn Demers video "The Future of Birds".

The meeting was adjourned and members and guests enjoyed some seasonal goodies and socializing.