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General Meeting Nov.3 /20

Via Zoom

1. Meeting called to order by Co-President- Audrey @ 7:35 PM

Audrey welcomed all in attendance to the first meeting with the new DNS Executive members.

Audrey reports the new Agenda:

2. Co-President - Syd's Report: A briefing of the Executive meeting held on Oct. 30/20.

A) The DNS Executive will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month.

B) All members of the DNS are invited to bring forward items they wish the Executive to consider for new business.

C) The DNS Co-President Quarterly Rotation plan was explained with Audrey taking the first Quarter of President duties.

D) Audrey and Syd (each) have voting privileges as members of Executive.

E) Request to members for interest in a Christmas Zoom social? Syd will bring this idea to the next Executive meeting for discussion, best Date for this social may be Dec 15 by Zoom.

3. Treasurer - Jim's Report: The DNS financial report. Current funds in the DNS Account is \$6800.00

4. Anita's Report: Her efforts on banning Rodenticides and how poisonous these Rodenticides are on Raptors.

Raptors consume the rats that have been poisoned and they become sick and die as well.

Members Forum:

- A discussion followed with questions brought forward on the issue of rodenticides and Raptors.
- A member promoted Project Feeder Watch
- A member suggested to keep rats away from the house by using bird feeders that have large catch trays to catch falling seeds.
- Using Thistle Seed in the feeder deters Rats
- Maintaining membership- Strategies
- Birds and Bio-Diversity
- What is the status of the Move Forward document (let's think outside the box?) Syd responded that this will be reviewed by the executive for new ideas.

This concludes the formal meeting portion; the meeting is adjourned.

5) Audrey introduced the evening's Guest speaker.

Martin Gregus Jr. is a nature and wildlife photographer and Artist, with a great visual presentation on Snowy Owls.

Martin travels globally to capture his unique and brilliant Nature photos, some of his work is also published in National Geographic Magazine.

We all learned some interesting facts about:

- **Snowy Owls-** are born Grey to blend into the Yukon Tundra, they also can be found in the Hudson Bay Tundra. They hatch in June, feed, grow and prepare for take off to our Southern climate with flying lessons in August, then migrations soon after. They can be found in the Boundary Bay area from November to April (if we are lucky) Adults are completely white in color.
- **Eagles'** natural habitats are in BC, Yukon and Alaska, many reside year-round in BC. Bald Eagles follow the Salmon Run.
- **Salmon runs have been failing repeatedly over the past 4 years.**

We are very honored and delighted to have this presentation to our group this eve.

At the conclusion of Martin's presentation, Elizabeth thanked Martin for his time and efforts to join our meeting, it made for a really great evening for everyone.

Next Guest speaker for December meeting will be **Liron Gertsman**, a young Nature photographer also highly recognized in his field of photography. Topic will be BC Great Gathering of the Salmon Run.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM, Next DNS General meeting is **Tuesday December 1/20**