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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 4, 2022

Zoom Meeting, Delta, B.C.

1. **Call to Order** – AGM chaired by President Syd Barber.
2. **Quorum** – There was a quorum present. The meeting could proceed.
3. **Approval Of Agenda** – There was a motion to approve the agenda.
Mover: David Hoar
Second: Thea Beckman
Members in favour raised their hands.
The agenda was approved.
4. **Minutes of 2021 AGM** – The last Annual General Meeting of the Delta Naturalists Society was held on November 2, 2021. A motion was moved to accept the Minutes of the 2021 AGM.
Mover: Audrey Coutts
Second: Valerie Fuller
The motion was then open for discussion. There being no discussion, the members in favour raised their hands. All were in favour.
The Minutes of the Delta Naturalists 2021 AGM were approved.
5. **Approval of Financial Statements for 2021/22**
A few questions were raised by Paul Rennie, satisfactorily answered and followed by a motion to approve.
Mover: Paul Rennie
Second: David Hoar
Members indicated approval by raising their hands.
Financial Statements approved.
6. **Annual Reports for 2021/22 – Tabled**
Reports from Executive, the Birds and Biodiversity Committee, the Delta Naturalists Casual Birding Group, the Environmental Coordinator and the Cascade Bird Box Team had all been provided to members prior to the meeting. Members

were encouraged to address any questions or comments to the writers. Carol Rennie thanked the various groups for providing interesting reports.

7. **Budget proposal for 2022-23, including Membership Fees – Review and Approval**

President Syd Barber reviewed the budget including the proposed increase in membership fees from \$35 single to \$45 and from \$45 family to \$60. There were a few questions and Audrey Coutts mentioned that she was in favour of the fee increase. Jack MacDonald pointed out that for each membership \$20 goes to BC Nature. Jack also mentioned the possibility of erasing the deficit by funding some of the “education” items from the money donated by Boundary Bay Park Association. This will be pursued. Chris McVittie, Coordinator with Metro Vancouver Parks, offered to discuss with them. Paul Rennie requested and was given information on the proposal to re-institute the Photography Workshop formerly organized by Boundary Bay Park Association. A motion was made to approve the budget including the increase in membership fees.

Mover: Jack MacDonald

Seconder: Peter Ward

Members voted in favour by raising their hands.

Budget and Fee Increase Approved. As not all members were present, the President will advise members of the fee increase, that fees are now due and the options for paying them.

8. **Election of 2022-2023 Directors**

This year’s positions are to be elected by a single resolution for the following positions:

President: Syd Barber

Vice-President: Elizabeth Perrin

Treasurer & Membership: Jim Kneesch

Secretary: Joe Stephenson

Director At Large: David Hoar

Director At Large: Nicki Brockamp

Director At Large: Thea Beckman

Each director nominated has agreed to act as a director.

The meeting was declared open for nominations.

The request for nominations was asked three times.

No new nominations were received.

As there were no further nominees, the nominations were declared closed.

There was a motion to accept the nominations for 2022/23 Directors.

Mover: Valerie Fuller

Seconder: Peter Ward

Approval was sought to accept the nominations for the 2022-23 Directors.

Approval was given by members attending the AGM meeting by Zoom on October 4, 2022. This was given by members raising their hands in consent.

Audrey Coutts thanked the outgoing Executive for their hard work during a difficult period.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned followed by a video presentation by David Hoar on Amazon Adventures: Cruising amongst Treetops.
10. The evening was wrapped up by Elizabeth Perrin who advised the next meeting would be November 1 with Kristine Kirkby presenting on Trapping, Tagging and Relocating Raptors at Vancouver International Airport.