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MINUTES – General Meeting – October 5, 2021

Via ZOOM

1. **Welcome and call to order** – Syd opened the meeting at 7:30pm.
2. **Introduction of executive and new members** – Syd introduced the executive and welcomed our new member Janice Wilson .
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion was moved by David Hoar and seconded by Anita den Dikken. Adopted.
4. **Approval of Sept.7th general meeting minutes** – Motion moved by Paul Rennie and seconded by David Hoar. Adopted.
5. **Financial/Membership Report** - Jim informed us that our bank balance is \$10,391.83. This amount includes the \$2,000. received from Pacific Parklands for brochure printing.

To date, we have 45 paid up individual memberships and 25 family memberships. It was suggested that an email be sent to members who have not renewed their memberships.

6. **Report on Sept.10th executive meeting** – Syd informed members that the September executive meeting focused on two items in preparation for our Annual General Meeting on Nov.2nd. The first was the Draft Budget prepared by Jim. This will be sent out to the membership before the AGM. The second was the vacancies we need to fill in preparation for the AGM. It was emphasized that a membership coordinator is needed. Members were encouraged to give it some thought and to put their names forward.
7. **Update from executive members** –

Environment – Anita will be writing a letter on behalf of the Delta Naturalists for Syd's signature to the Delta City Council regarding the expansion of the LNG project on Tilbury Island. We will be asking them to make themselves aware of the safety guidelines issued by the international regulatory body, Society of International Gas Terminal and Tanker Operators (SIGGTO). In addition, we will be asking the City to join the Cities of Vancouver, Richmond and Port Moody in opposing the expansion of the FORTIS facility and the marine jetty. The expansion is close to the Riverport entertainment centre and to strata developments on the Richmond side. On the Delta side, there are the Delta Community Animal Shelter, a funeral home and various industrial facilities. There could be catastrophic results if an accident occurred so close to these large urban areas.

Wolf Cull – Anita urged members to take the time to give the BC Government feedback on the practice to cull wolves. The government is asking for a five-year approval for continued predator reduction to support the recovery of woodland caribou. You can complete the survey at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/caribou/predator-reduction/>

Deadline: November 15, 2021

With regard to our AGM, Anita will put her name forward as the Environmental Coordinator and as our representative to BC Nature.

Elizabeth brought our attention to the most recent Nature Notes article by Peter Ward on Encouraging Tree Swallows & Chickadees in Delta. The next article will be from Kathleen Fry from the George C. Reifel Wildlife Bird Sanctuary. Following that, the Boundary Bay Park Association or Birds Canada will produce an article.

Elizabeth will put her name forward for the Vice-President's position.

Audrey will continue as the Newsletter Editor. She will not be putting her name forward for the executive. She encourages everyone to give some thought about their contribution to our organization. Syd thanked Audrey for the work she contributed as Co-President this year.

Joanne will put her name forward as Secretary and encourages a member to come forward to assume the duties of the Membership Coordinator.

Jim will stand for Treasurer on this year's Executive.

Syd announced he will stand for President this year.

Syd relayed a Birds and Biodiversity Committee report that two more of their new Delta biodiversity brochures are at the printers and the remaining three are in various stages of preparation.

8. **Reminder of AGM on Tues., November 2nd and call for nominations –**
Audrey will Chair this year's AGM and Joanne will be taking the minutes.
9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.
10. **Presentation – David and Diane Reesor** - Elizabeth welcomed the Reesors who spoke on their 2001 and 2002 trips to Newfoundland/ Labrador and Iceland. In NL we enjoyed photographs of various birds which included the Northern Gannet, Kittiwakes (related seabird species in the gull family) and the Atlantic puffins. The small towns have novel names such as Come-By-Chance, Witless Bay, Tickle Cove and Little Seldom! Fantastic icebergs were filmed in the Iceberg Alley area. In Iceland we took the Island Highway – featuring the Land of Fire, Ice and Light. Public art, lava flow and spectacular waterfalls were all included.

Elizabeth thanked our presenters and another great evening ended.
11. **November 2nd Annual General Meeting** - Our next general meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, November 2nd and will include our AGM, after which Kate Paton, videographer, will give us a presentation on 'Finding Hope & Joy in a Pandemic' We encourage all members to attend this important meeting.