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DNS Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2022 via Zoom and In-Person

Present: 5 by Zoom and 20 at the Ladner All Saints Anglican Church (including Jim who supported the Zoom meeting from the Church venue)

1. DNS members gathered at the church shortly after 7pm with treats supplied for all.
2. Syd started the formal meeting at 7:45pm with technical wifi issues resolved. Syd acknowledged all new members and was pleased to announce 7 new members joined during the last week and calls are out for other past members to rejoin.
3. Nicki – updated the group regarding the Birds and Biodiversity Committee work:
 - In early November Pam Swanigan, Anne Murray and Nicki met with Kim Houghton in Delta's Climate Change and Environment department with the City of Delta. James Casey from Birds Canada joined as well. With Kim being fairly new, she was asked what her familiarity is with the Birds and Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. She was quite familiar and agreed to work on a tracking plan for the document. Kim also confirmed that money was available for further printing of the DNS Nature Brochures. We also discussed the potential of Delta becoming a 'Bird Friendly City' through Nature Canada and what would be required to start this initiative.
 - Nicki mentioned the KBA (Key Biodiversity Area-formerly called IBA) count that was done in November, run by Birds Canada. Some Delta Nats were involved in doing this.
 - Lastly Nicki mentioned the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Dec 18 and that some emails have been sent around about it.
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4. Jim updated the group regarding the financial position and membership at 84 paid-up memberships, including 26 Family memberships at this time. The DNS bank balance is at \$6,836.
5. Jack updated members about the Cascade Bird Box activity. The Cascade group has just completed an additional 10 Barn Owl boxes for the Fraser Valley and has started a production run of 16 Screech Owl boxes. Elizabeth asked if these would be the first Screech Owl boxes and Jack said they had also been done before.

6. Valerie stated that a sign-up sheet for goodies was on the treat table for other members to commit for the next meeting.
7. After a short break to set up the speakers computer, Syd re-opened the meeting at ~8:10pm and greeted everyone on zoom and in-person.
8. Speaker – Elizabeth by Zoom introduced the speaker: Ron Long, who spoke about “Some Beautiful Birds of Brazil”.
9. **Next Meeting** – January 3, 2023. Speaker will be Diane & David Reesor presenting on Botswana - the Okavango Delta
10. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at about 9:20pm.