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DNS Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023 via Zoom and In-Person

DRAFT

Present: 14 by Zoom, counting speaker, and 16 at the Ladner All Saints Anglican Church.

1. DNS members gathered at the church shortly after 7pm with treats supplied. David started the formal meeting at ~7:30pm.

2. Agenda – David asked for comments. None received and thus adopted/approved.

3. Minutes of March 7th DNS Meeting – David asked for comments on the minutes. No comments raised so he deemed them approved.

4. Financial and Membership – Jim stated membership numbers at 30 family and 70 individual. Our to-date balance is \$5370.86. No liabilities due and we are in good shape. Annie noted that we have the \$10K donation too.

5. Anne reported that she and Syd will be making a presentation to Delta Mayor and Council (Committee of the Whole) June 6 at 4:00 p.m. The presentation will be primarily a "report card" put together by Glen Bodie showing the City's progress to date on their Birds and Biodiversity Strategy, developed with input from DNS.. Work has proceeded with a "Green Infrastructure Network Map". Nicki has been doing background work for the City to make it "Bird Friendly" by 2024 and hopes to show the progress to DNS by June. However, The relevant people at the city have said that it's not an initiative they can take on this year but will be revisited with them next year.

Carmen will assist with Garter Snake hibernaculum safety issues. Elizabeth stated that Carmen was spending about 1 hour/day to baby sit the snakes and is distributing brochures to visitors.

Anne noted that the KBA/IBA was toured by boat the week before this meeting with Birds Canada participation. Many waterfowl, 49 species, were counted and Birds Canada photographed many.

6. Backyard Birding Contest Results for January – no report this meeting.

7. Books & CDs – some members have communicated with Syd regarding books and Syd will distribute to the recipients. A member (Janet) has spoken for the bird song CDs. There are still a couple of books available and members should e-mail Syd if interested.

8. Coffee Break - David announced a short break before the speaker was announced.

9. Speaker – Elizabeth introduced the speaker, Dan Varland, who spoke about Turkey Vultures. Several good questions were raised.

10. Next Meeting – is *Members Night!*

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at about 9:15pm.