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DNS Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023 via Zoom and In-Person

Present: 15 by Zoom and 17 at the Ladner All Saints Anglican Church.

1. DNS members gathered at the church shortly after 7pm with treats supplied – thanks to Noreen and Joanne. Syd started the formal meeting at ~7:30pm. Syd recognized new DNS member Alexis MacPherson. The hybrid meeting with Zoom worked nicely.

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

3. Minutes of January 3rd DNS Meeting – Syd 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 68 individual. Year-to-date income: \$5221 of which \$4351 was dues. BC Nature dues were \$1560. Our to-date balance is \$5426.86.

5. Backyard Birding Contest Results for February – Debbi congratulated everyone! High birder count was Grant Edwards– 28 species, including California Scrub Jays. Kathryn had 27 species counted. Jim Kneesch placed 3rd with 25 species. Ken Borrie i had 23 species. Prizes were drawn. Almost every yard had signs of Bewick's Wren.

5. Door Prize and distribution of DNS books – Val Fuller drew the door prize, donated by Syd, which went to Grant Edwards.

The surplus DNS books were distributed as follows, based on expressions of interest received since they were advertised on Feb. 15: . Nature Poetry Book – Diane Kehoe (there were two contenders and new member Alexis drew Diane's name out of a box); Bird watching Greater Vancouver – Janet Heavyside; Migration Patterns of Brant – Brian (non-member). David and Noreen donated several copies of a recipe book for grills they had prepared, plus three bird field guides. The former were snapped up before the end of the meeting and the latter will be advertised for expressions of interest from members, similar to Round 1, including books not selected then. .

6. Open Forum – Val reported the need for one more person to volunteer for treats next month.

Annie mentioned the BCN AGM that is in Langley in May. Syd stated that early bird registration was required by March 15th; prices will go up thereafter. Field trips fill up quickly. Registration is through BCN.

7. Coffee Break - Syd announced a short break for treats before the speaker was announced.

8. Speaker – Syd introduced the speaker, Dr. Kieran Cox “Sound Management: Integrating Bioacoustics into Conservation of Canada’s Aquatic Systems. The presentation was recorded for the DNS website. Many good questions were asked and responded to.

Check out; <FishSounds.net>

9. Next Meeting – April 4, , 2023. Speaker will be Dan Varland, Executive Director, Coastal Raptors, speaking on “Turkey Vultures, Love at Second Sight”.

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