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DNS Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024 via Zoom (~13) and In-Person (~23)

1. Syd welcomed all members, including new members, and guests from the WRSN.
2. Approval of Agenda; the agenda was modified with the addition of the report by Grant Edwards concerning Saturday Outings, and a Back Yard Birding report by Debbi Hlady. The Birds and Biodiversity Committee Report was deferred to the next meeting.
3. Approval of February 6th Meeting Minutes: the minutes were adopted without change.
4. Financial and Membership Report: Jim reported that the DNS chequing account held \$3,362.87. Expenses were about \$7,700. The Savings account holds \$10,198.50. Memberships stands at 149 individuals, about half of whom are in Family memberships.
5. Grant Edwards reported that Saturday Outings have been happening for about the last month and work better for some members. The next outing will be to Ladner Harbour Park at 8:00am.
6. Cascade Bird Box Group: Peter stated that the group was formed 13 years ago and has 6 members all of whom are DNS members and some also members of Nature Vancouver. Sofi Hindmarch advises on locating Barn Owl box locations. Jim's workshop is used for box construction. To now, 140 Barn Owl boxes have been built and many Tree Swallow and Bat boxes. This year 21 Barn Owl, 15 Tree Swallow and 6 Bat boxes have been built. Syd thanked Peter and the group for all their efforts.
7. Debbi Hlady reported 78 backyard birders are active in Metro Vancouver. Jim ranked 3rd 38 species sightings. Nicki and Bruce recently had an Orange-crowned Warbler. Ann Murray had a N. Saw-whet Owl. Debbi noted that Flowering Currant is great for Hummingbirds. Expect the first Rufous about March 10th. Debbi brought 15 bird friendly trees and shrubs for an identification contest. The winner of this contest was reported separately by Nicki on April 3rd.
8. Elizabeth introduced Danielle Dagenais who gave an interesting presentation about Bats, and the importance of creating and preserving habitat for them.
9. Syd adjourned the meeting about 9:00pm as members on Zoom could not participate in Debbi's quiz contest.