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Draft Minutes

Monthly Meeting Tuesday Nov 5, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

26 Members on ZOOM

1. Welcome and recognition of guests and new members

The business meeting started at 7:30pm. Elizabeth Perrin introduced herself, indicating that she was standing in for Bruce Taylor. The one new member in attendance had been recognized prior to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

- approved

2. Approval of Minutes of May 7 meeting

- approved

3. Financial Update – Jim K

Jim Kneesch provided an overview of the DNS Financial position and membership. Membership is down and will be addressed. Discussion about the BCN membership and the \$5.00 charge for the hard copy of the BC Nature magazine was held. An electronic copy is provided without charge. In response to questions it was clarified that: DNS has several honorary memberships for individuals that had given long and valuable service to DNS. A fee was provided to Thea Beckman for assistance with the new and improved DNS website .

4. Birds and Biodiversity Committee report – Anne Murray

Anne discussed this Committee structure and its work with the City of Delta. The staff at the city change frequently which makes continuity difficult. A meeting with the City will be held in about a month from now. The Committee was responsible for education materials in the form of brochures. Thousands of these brochures have been printed. They are currently in the process of redoing the “Birds” brochure into three new brochures.

The Christmas Bird Count, including bird feeder counts, will be held on December 15th, 2024.

5. Cascade Bird Box Team update – Jim K

Jim showcased a picture of new Barn Owl boxes via Zoom. Also, the Team has cleaned out bird boxes over the last couple of months.

6. Backyard Birding – Debbi H

Debbi mentioned that there was a winner for the backyard bird quiz and that individual would be advised and would receive a bag of sunflower seeds.

7. Other Club Business

- a. Membership Renewals & BC Nature’s \$5.00 charge for a printed copy of their Magazine - discussed above.
- b. COP16 Letter was signed by DNS. The link to this letter had been provided to members. This was simply to let members know that Executive had made the decision on behalf of the club to support this letter from Nature Canada.
- c. Key Biodiversity Area Bird Count (KBC) will be held on Nov. 24th. Anne Murray had sent out a notice to the DNS Casual Birding Group on Nov. 1st. Information on signing up is included in the Newsletter but members then can contact Anne for more information if needed.

1. Speaker

8:00 PM: Elizabeth introduced the speakers for the meeting. Presentation: Birds, Animals, Cigars and Coffee of Cuba by David & Diane Reesor.

8. Meeting adjournment about 9:00pm.