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Draft Minutes

Monthly Meeting Tuesday Feb 4, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

24 Members on ZOOM

1. Welcome and recognition of guests and new members -Bruce

Bruce Taylor welcomed everyone to the February meeting and indicated two new members, Jeff Smith & Emily Soriano, joined in January.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of November Meeting - Bruce

David Hoar moved the agenda; seconded by Nicki Brockamp. Noreen moved the January Meeting Minutes; seconded by Elizabeth Perrin.

3. Financial Report - Jim Kneesch

Jim reported little change in the DNS Financial position since last meeting. Membership dues received to the end of January '25 are \$5,030.59 . The chequing bank balance was at \$1,612.78 and the savings account balance was \$10,316.96. DNS has 35 Family and 72 Individual memberships. Insurance has been paid. The Owl donation will be paid in February.

4. Birds and Biodiversity Committee report – Ann Murray

Report deferred to next meeting.

5. Cascade Bird Box Team Update – Jack MacDonald

Bird boxes building started again in January. Seven Barn Owl boxes were constructed. Eighteen Tree Swallow boxes were completed, including trap doors to assist with bird banding by Birds Canada. A donation was made to the Tom Bearss bursary. Cameras both inside and outside Barn Owl boxes in the North

40 area can be downloaded to a cell phone to save on computer. Camera detection showed that the first eggs were laid on December 22nd 2024. Six eggs were laid and the first egg hatched on January 21st 2025. Five Owlets survived. Jack showcased an impressive video of an adult Barn Owl nurturing and feeding the Owlets.

6. Display/Events Update - Joni Wright

Joni noted that the DNS display was updated last year. This year the display will have a Barn Owl display, owl pellet dissection, and video, which Jack agreed to help with the video. UBC Biomedical Visualization and Communication program has created a game for our display with efforts to engage all ages, in particular younger ages. We will attend local events this year, including a new event established for World Migratory Bird Day. Volunteers are needed for multiple display events and a volunteer training session and schedule will be offered to those who volunteer. Reach out to Joni for more information at: dnsclubevents@gmail.com

7. Other Club Business - Bruce Taylor

- a. **Newsletter Update** - Nicki has met two DNS members who have come forward to assist with the newsletter, using new platforms to produce it. There will not be a February newsletter this year due to the change-over.
- b. **Outings This Month** - Bruce noted a full slate of outings are scheduled for the month.e.g. Blaine WA, Terra Nova, Centennial Beach (Thea), Iona, the Causeway and Reifel.
- c. **BCN Photo Contest** - Bruce noted that BCN is sponsoring a photo contest. Entries are due to BCN by March 15 and contributors can enter an unlimited number of photos. More information on the categories, picture sizes etc., can be found on the BC Nature website.

8. Speaker - Elizabeth Perrin

Elizabeth introduced Bob Turner who gave a most interesting talk about “From Volcanoes to Ice Ages, Tide flats of Tofoni, The Geological Intrigues of the Salish Sea Region”.

9. The Meeting adjourned about 9:15pm. Bruce reminded volunteers to reach out to Joni to volunteer. The next DNS meeting will be an in-person social get together on March 4th at the church in Ladner with Ron Long as guest speaker.