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Minutes

Monthly Meeting Tuesday April 1, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

25 Members on ZOOM

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

Bruce Taylor welcomed everyone to the February meeting and indicated one new member, Deborah Cook, joined.

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

Vicki moved the agenda; seconded by David Hoar. Elizabeth Perrin moved the February Meeting Minutes; seconded by Colin.

3. Birds and Biodiversity Committee report – Anne Murray

Please see complete report attached from Anne.

4. Cascade Bird Box Team Update – Jack MacDonald

The workshop is shut down for a while and will start again when Jim Kneesch returns. Swallow boxes were refurbished at Iona Island.

5. Lawn to Life Committee Update - Nicki Brockamp.

The group was initiated last year by Boudi van Oldenborgh, with the addition of a wildflower garden on Jackson Way.

The City of Delta has expanded this initiative by setting aside two more locations for wildflower garden conversion. One on Wade Rd in North Delta and one in Memorial Park in Ladner by the Library. These plots have been prepped and seeded by Boudi and Syd Barber. Bruce will be defining measurements of

success with Danielle Rancourt from the city and then looking for a few volunteers to track and log pollinators in these plots.

The Chafer Beetle document is on-going and developed to curb lawn destruction by choosing wildlife friendly options. This document should be completed shortly.

6. Update for upcoming Events for April and May - Joni Wright

Joni thanked the volunteers that have responded, and all shifts have been covered. Volunteer training will proceed this coming Saturday and then on the 9th. On April 12th, the Watershed Fish Release in North Delta is from noon to 2pm. World Migratory Bird Day will take place at Crescent Beach on May 10th.

7. Other Club Business - Bruce Taylor

- a. **Outings Update** – A Nature Kids outing was held March 30. Thanks to Val Fuller for her time. 12 people attended this outing. April's Nature Kids Outing may be run in conjunction with the City Nature Challenge.
- b. **CNC Update** – The City Nature Challenge will be held from April 24 to April 27. The CNC will be leading groups on the Saturday and Sunday and we are looking for a good turnout from the club to help boost Delta's numbers over last year. More to come on this outing over the next few weeks, online and in the newsletter.
- c. **Merritt trip update** - Thea was not able to be at this DNS meeting. Bruce noted that 27 members had signed up and there is room for 3 more people on the trip. The Nicola Valley Naturalist group has been contacted.

8. Speaker - Elizabeth Perrin

Elizabeth introduced Jason Kazuta who gave a most interesting talk about "Sub-urban Wildlife".

9. The Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. Bruce reminded members of upcoming events and outings.

1. April 8 & 9 – East Ladner
2. April 12 Watershed Event
3. April 12 – Fish Release in North Delta noon-2pm
4. April 15 & 16 – Brydon Lagoon & Hi Knoll in Langley
5. April 22 & 23 – Joe Brown
6. April 26-27 Weekend outings for the CNC with 3 options to attend.
7. April 29 & 30 – Centennial Beach
8. May 10 World Migratory Bird Day at Crescent Beach