

Sault Naturalists Executive Meeting
February 4, 2010
7:00 pm



The meeting was held at the Civic Centre, Sault Ste. Marie Ontario.

Attendance: Dave Euler, Gladys & Cliff Wallwork, Tony Walker, John Lehman, Gail Andrew, Helen Hutchinson, Harvey Robbins, Mary Ryckman-Rooney, Lynda Young, Don Hall, Valerie Walker

Business arising from the minutes from last meeting:

ACTION: Erica Ropke to serve as Master of Ceremony for the AGM

ACTION: Donna Ryckman-Rooney to give the invocation

Tony moves that Judith Falkins be reimbursed by the Club for \$57 worth of decorations she purchased for the Tally Rally in December. 2nd by Helen. Carried.

ACTION: Judith Falkins to receive \$57 for decorations

New Business:

1. Annual Report

The report compiled and design by Don was very well received.

A total of 14 pages.

Don indicated that \$123.90 is required to make 30 copies of the Report. As a result, 5 (2?) copies will be on display at the AGM with sign-up sheet for those requesting a hard copy.

2. General Meeting

John has a tally of 87 tickets sold.

Carl Linhart's donated prints will be on displayed in the Cisler Centre. A Silent Auction for these prints will be conducted requiring bidding sheets to be placed in front of each print. Proceeds will be donated to the Club.

Members will be encouraged to bid on the prints.

As per usual, dinner will be followed by the presentation.

Dave will introduce the speaker. After the presentation, Dave will present the speaker with the gift: Conifers of the world (book)

Membership raffle to be conducted by Harvey will follow.

Harvey to announce the winner of the membership raffle.

Gail will collect the bidding sheets for the Silent Auction and determine the winners of the prints and she will make the announcement after the membership raffle.

The business meeting will then commence.

3. Treasurer's Report - Gail

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CIBC Operations Acct (Can\$):	\$4113.43
• General Funds	\$1747.99
• Platform Project:	\$2365.44
Huntington Bank: (US \$)	\$308.25
GIC's (Can \$)	\$2221.83 June 15/10
	\$3834.02 Nov 22/10

4. Membership Report - Harvey

Membership- renewals 42 to date, considerably less than anticipated
It is anticipated that many members will wait till the AGM to renew
Overall, membership down slightly due primarily to fewer complimentary memberships. There are 11 new paid members

5. Constitution Changes Update – Dave

Dave will present to the membership, changes to the 1993 Constitution received to date
Changes are primarily grammatical, address new fee schedule and include gender neutral terminology
Sault Naturalists of Ontario & Michigan was the Clubs old name, we have changed our name back to this old name
Dave went through the various revisions.
Under Article 4 – Funds 1. moneys changed to monies
Under Article 14 – Affiliations
Helen in favor in supporting Nature Canada (as opposed to Canadian Nature Federation), move to not remove. Carried.

Dave to go through the revisions on a large screen with tracking in red during business portion of AGM and ask the membership for their approval of these changes.

6. Nominations – Dave

Dave has offered to continue as President and will open the floor for nominations at the AGM for secretary, observation secretary, VP

ACTION: President to appoint Don Marles (if obliging) as Environmental Action Committee Chair at AGM

7. Other Business

Gladys is concerned with lack of full-time secretary and gaps in the minutes

ACTION: Val to send Gladys (as archivist) hard copies of missing minutes

ACTION: Linda Young to download wiki contents onto CD, give to Gladys to print.

Harvey motions that Gladys to receive \$100 to print picture for the archives.

Linda seconds. Motion carried.

ACTION: Gladys to receive \$100 to print pictures.

ACTION: Val to send Gladys photos of members on outings

Club has been asked if we want a table at Seedy Saturday Feb 20

ACTION: Dave will call Suzanne Hanna and indicate that we will not be requiring a table and we will instead provide some brochures

Gail makes a motion that the Club supports the Rotary Science Fair by donating \$100. Tony seconds. Carried.

ACTION: Club to donate \$100 to Rotary Science Fair

Gail makes a motion to pay \$86.80 to Dave for Sibley book (raffle draw) and AGM tickets. Tony seconds. Carried.

ACTION: Dave to receive \$86.80 for AGM book & ticket costs

Gail makes a motion to pay \$55.67 US to John Lehman for his expenses

ACTION: John to receive \$55.67 for Conifer book (speaker gift) & Bees DVD

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 pm, Next meeting March 4, 2010

Valerie Walker, acting secretary