

Sault Naturalists Executive Meeting
February 5, 2009 - 7:00 pm
Civic Centre, Sault Ste. Marie Ontario

Attendance: Jeanne Mannesto, John Lehman, Helen Hutchinson, Don Hall, Gail Andrew, Mary Ryckman, Valerie Walker

1. Approval of the minutes from the Jan 8, 2009 meeting

The following corrections were made:

- John to get a quote from an insurance broker (not from Federal Insurance Company, page 2)
- March Executive meeting is March 5 (not March 10)
- The Executive will NOT be stuffing envelopes with new program listings on March 5

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by John, seconded by Gail. Motion carried.

2. Business arising from the minutes from the Dec 4, 2008 meeting:

- **Action #1** – Jeanne to call Dave about purchasing a gift for AGM speaker
- **Action #10** - John to get quote from insurance agent and will report on findings regarding club member liability insurance

3. New Business:

1. Annual General Meeting, Feb 10

Ticket sale are progressing. John estimates 75 attendees. The suggestion is that the draws be held after the guest speaker. Donna Ryckman-Rooney will deliver the invocation before dinner.

Action: Don to look into booking the college's Multimedia Room for the guest speaker

2. Bat Cave Property for Sale

Violet Amimi (Remax Realtor) contacted member Cynthia Suhay regarding Diamond Lake Bat Cave upcoming sale \$169,900 (includes 160 acres)

Action: To be discussed at next meeting

3. Sault Naturalist Research Merit Award

This \$100 (US) award was made last year for the best Lake Superior State University Biology/Fisheries & Wildlife senior theses on a natural history or environmental conservation topic. Three Sault Naturalists, Jeanne Mannesto, Leslie Askwith, and John Lehman, acted as judges for this first ever award.

A motion to make a \$100 (US) donation to the Research Merit Award was made by Gail, seconded by Jeanne. Motion carried.

Action: Gail will arrange the donation for the April 4 presentation

4. Treasurer's Report for February 5, 2009:

CIBC Operating Account (\$CND)	\$4658.12	Total
General Funds	\$3331.17	
Platform Project	\$1326.95	
Huntington Bank (\$US)	\$1358.28	
GIC's (\$CND)	\$3744.16	Nov 20/09
	\$2156.76	June 15/09

5. Gary Rahn Memorial Award

The Club traditionally donates \$100 (CND) toward this award given at the annual Rotary Club High School Science Fair.

A motion to make a \$100 (CND) donation to the Gary Rahn Memorial Award was made by Gail, seconded by Helen. Motion carried.

Action: Gail will arrange the donation for this year's Science Fair

6. Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (given by Bird Canada Studies)

A motion to donate the Atlas to the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library was made by Jeanne, seconded by Don. Motion carried.

Action: Don to check with the library if they would like the Atlas

Action: Val to create a book plate for the Atlas

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 pm, Next meeting March 5, 2009

Valerie Walker, acting secretary