

Sault Naturalists Executive Meeting
June 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Dave Euler, Robert D. Cohen, John Lehman.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Programs: John Lehman stated that Karen Brzys has accepted our offer to pay her USD 100.00 travel allowance for October's program participation.

New business:

- Programs: Dave Euler reported that we might be interested in what he had learned at the recent Ontario Nature regional meeting at Kilarney. The Sudbury club had a very favourable response to a photo contest that they had run. Members had voted to choose the best member's photo. There was a discussion about a possible format for our club. Possibly, interested members could submit their photos for digitizing which could then be projected. Names of photographers would not be shown. Then viewers could choose best photo by ballot. December's meeting might be a suitable time to hold this contest. ACTION: Dave will see if there is support for this idea at Tuesday's General meeting.
- Treasurer's report: Submitted in absentia,

General Funds		1121.18
Platform funds		<u>2542.14</u>
CIBC Operating Acct (CAD)		3663.32
Huntington Bank (USD)		1614.28
GIC (CAD)	#1 (due Nov.20/09)	3744.16
	#2 (due June 15/09)	2156.76

- Outings: Our outing schedule is complete, thanks to Val Walker. Dave suggested that we offer to take Gladys to our June 14 outing to Wilderness State Park.

- Membership: Harvey Robbins has submitted a letter, which would be sent to members who are not up to date with their annual dues. If they don't follow through we will discontinue sending information about outings and meetings. Members would be informed why their fees are necessary for items like liability insurance. The letter was accepted with some small modifications.
- Insurance: A liability insurance plan by West Bend Insurance Company was submitted by John. It was thought to be acceptable with the exception of the need for outing participants to sign a waiver form. There were some misgivings about this procedure.
ACTION: Dave will bring up this subject at the general meeting.
- Whitefish Point: Carl Linhart sent a copy of DEFEAT HR 1280, a sheet on a bill which would alter The Point to the detriment of conservation, birding, etc. It calls for individuals to contact Senator Carl Levin to oppose the sponsoring of the US senate's version of the Stupak bill.
- Viewing Platforms: Dave has contacted Graham and Aja to give us an estimate for a design for our platform signs. To date there has been no response.
ACTION: Dave will speak to Helen Hutchinson.

Next executive meeting September 3, 2009.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

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Robert D. Cohen
Acting Secretary