

Sault Naturalists General Meeting  
April 14, 2009  
7:30 pm

The meeting was held at the Central United Methodist Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

“Wolves in My Backyard” was presented by Cheanne Chellis. She talked about the status of the Grey Wolf in Michigan and then showed slides of the wolves that she raises in her “backyard.” It was well received by members.

A business meeting was lead by Dave Euler.

**1. Liability insurance:** The club has no liability insurance to cover our outings in Michigan. John Lehman has found out that it will cost us USD 500-600/yr. Doug MacDougall moved that we purchase a policy to cover us. Secunder: Evelyn Simon. Motion carried.  
ACTION: John will continue to work on this and present a potential policy at our next executive meeting.

Discussion: A question was raised about liability coverage for non-member outing leaders.

Harvey Robbins moved that we give such a leader a one-month club membership. Secunder: Evelyn.

Discussion: It was decided that any arrangement for a temporary membership would be unfeasible or impractical. Harvey withdrew the motion.

ACTION: Val will inform non-member leaders that they are not covered.

**2. LCD projector:** It has been difficult to get a projector particularly for programs that take place in Michigan. John has determined that a suitable projector would cost us about CAD 600–700.

Doug moved that we purchase such a projector. Secunder: Jeanne Mannesto. Motion carried.

Action: John is to purchase an Epson S6 multimedia projector with a an adapter for Macintosh laptops..

**3. Viewing platforms:** It has been noted that our six viewing platforms do not have signs indicating our involvement in the construction. It was suggested that we ask Graham and Aja to design a sign and give us an estimate of cost Doug moved that we go ahead with this plan. Secunder: Evelyn. Motion carried.

ACTION: Gail Andrew is to determine the wording requirements for the design and to contact Graham and Aja.

4. **Environmental Film Festival** - April 30 – May 2, 2009 : Bill Howe, a teacher at St. Mary's, has asked us to put up a display in the Station Mall for one day, April 30, 2009. Don Hall reported that Vivian will have our display ready. Members volunteered to be present:

<p>SCHEDULE  Sault Naturalist Display – Station Mall – Thurs. April 30,2009  ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL (BILL HOWE)</p>		
<p><u>11 – 2 pm</u>  Carol Gartshore  Julie McFadden</p>	<p><u>2 – 5 pm</u>  Harvey Robbins  Robert D.Cohen</p>	<p><u>5 – 8 pm</u>  Evelyn Simon  Valerie Walker</p>
<p>Dave Euler - floater</p>		

5. **Lake Trout sport fishing regulations:** Dave stated that we ought to have a club position as the MNR is asking for public input on the changes to the trout fishing regulations. Harvey indicated that these are changes to the length of the open season, fishing limits and maximum size in Zone 10, Wawa/Algoma. Action: Harvey is to prepare a draft for the executive to review Dave well send a letter representing our club.

**Next general meeting**, May 5, 2009, 7:30 pm at Great Lakes Forestry Centre. Presentation by Dr. Harvey Robbins, "Travels in Southern Africa."

Robert D. Cohen

Acting Secretary