

## Sault Naturalists Executive Meeting April 8, 2010

Location: Civic Centre, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Call to order 7 p.m.

Participants: Helen Hutchinson, John Lehman, Dave Euler, Tony Walker , Val Walker, Donna Ryckman-Rooney, Harvey Robbins.

Action items from the March 2010 minutes

Item 1 Done. Dave sent out electronic Constitution to Executive.

Item 2 Done. Tony and Cliff and Gladys to work on identifying club assets.

Item 3 Online web storage

A discussion regarding online web storage took place. Google documents offer 1gb which can be stored for free. Can give access to whoever you want. You can work collaboratively on the document if the person has access to the internet. You can edit from any internet device i.e. blackberry, iphone. Currently we have 113 mb on the wiki. Another option is portable hard drives . Server idea but you need a technician to maintain it. You can back up files on to dvd or cds or even on flash drives. John –informed us that photos are stored in flicker.

**ACTION:** John L will download pictures onto a flash drive (using his judgement) and will put the pictures on the flash drive. John is to purchase a flash drive for Gladys to archive the photos after some selection (especially speakers and meetings, bird photos). Gladys may spend up to \$100.00 to print off the pictures for the archives.

Note: Lynda has contacted City Hall and found out that she can get use of the telephone for meetings she cannot attend.

**ACTION:** Dave to follow up on the telephone contact process with City Hall and Lynda.

**ACTION:** Helen to ask Doreen if she can meet with Lynda and go over the process to access the birding sites. Val Walker offered to meet with Lynda if Doreen cannot.

**ACTION:** Dave to send birding sites to Doreen and Val whoever agrees.

Tonight's Agenda

### Program report

John L. is looking for a speaker for the annual meeting. He may contact the speaker from last year. John is still looking for ideas for the December meeting. Perhaps we may have photos of the previous field trips. (People, Birds etc.)

### Field Trips

Val has prepared an interesting group of programs. Val discussed the Slate Islands trip.

### Treasurer's Report

Gail Andrew submitted the treasurer's report. Attachment #1

Bird Checklist project: Tony now working on checklist with others.

Platforms: at Pumpkin Point 2, Echo bay, Bellevue, Sault Canal . On June 12 a structure for Jim Miller will be unveiled to the public at Finn Hill, SSM, On. The event will take place from 10-2 p.m. At noon the memorial will be dedicated as part of the Hub Trail. Tony Walker is looking for volunteers to conduct nature walks for the Sault Naturalists throughout the 10-2 timeframe.

### Membership

Memberships that are not renewed will be sent an email to remind them.

**ACTION:** Val to send the new logo to Harvey for the brochure. Harvey will come back to the next meeting with the draft.

**ACTION:** all executive members to make corrections and send items to Dave for the Constitution.

Tony mentioned that he will attend a shore ridge meeting regarding a birding platform with Dean Greenwood of the Conservation Authority. Tony also will be clearing some vegetation from the trail at the airport for CFS environmental trail. Vegetation is overgrown.

### Correspondence

The club received a n invitation to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Environmental Summit on Tuesday, April 20 from 5-8 p.m. The summit promotes learning and sharing about issues of concern for the St. Mary's River. The executive chose not to participate.

## Other

John Lehman brought forward that there has been a concern with publicity photos. When using a photo for publicity the photo taker must be identified and agree to the publication of the photo.

Next meeting is April 29. (May be on the U.S.A. side. )