

Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct 04, 2016, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Civic Centre, Thompson Room

Attendees: Ron, Jerry, Robert, Carrie, Chuck, Don, Gail, Tony,

Regrets: Mark, Jen, Val, Angela, Jeff, Carl, Bill, Cindy

Guests: none

1) The meeting was called to order at 7 pm

1. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Robert; LNG terminal environmental approval in BC ... see New Business

Don; Christmas bird count see New Business

2. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

June 09 minutes ready to go. Angela will forward to EC and John Lehman

Motion Robert, Second Chuck **CARRIED**

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Youth Summit,

Carrie worked on getting contacts at local high school. No applicants received for September 2016. Carrie is interested in pursuing again for next year, reconsider at budget time, and debate it then...**ACTION**: promote search for youth summit candidate through membership meetings/AGM/Membership; Ron to action....

b) Centennial Park platform.....

Platform has been removed; it is no longer a safety concern.

Would like to replace platform in the future, need funding, open to further discussion.

c) Garlic Mustard Pull approval from city

Ron contacted City, they need advance notice, who, what, where, and when but no formal process other than advance scheduling prior to Garlic Mustard Pull event

Peter Burtch noted some Japanese knapweed to Ron.

d) Pygmy Snaketail and Riverine Clubtail Project.....

No updates

e) Hub Trail Festival.....

Event went well, games were well received, location is excellent.....Thanks to Robert, Joy and especially Vivienne for science activity.

- f) Fridge magnet and New Brochure
- 500 Fridge Magnets and Multiple copies of the new Brochure have been purchased.
 - Please See Ron if you have an event/ opportunity to use these promotional items.

4. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a) Treasurer's Report

Canadian Account new Balance \$2,163.55
US Account. \$442.21
GIC#1(Jan 13/2017) 3,956.93
GIC#2(Jun 19/2017) 4,110.37

Cheques to be signed this month were:

\$ 6.78 to Ron for Stationary
(Also a new Membership fee of \$30.00 to be deposited)

b) Outings

Oct 8, Bike Seney Wildlife Refuge
Oct 15 Goulais River Provincial Park, Hike the dragon fly survey sites
Oct 22, Orphan Lake Trail Hike
Oct 29, Robinson Cliffs Hike

c) Programs

Second Tuesday of Month is typical date for Program/Membership meetings; however Bayliss Public Library has a conflict for that Tuesday in January so Jan 24 is proposed.

MOTION: That the regular meeting of members be held from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM,

- at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 of 2016, May 16 and June 13 of 2017 and
- at the Bayliss Library Dec 13, of 2016 and Jan 24, Mar 14 and April 11 of 2017

Motion to accept dates Tony, Second Carrie, **CARRIED**

Feb 14 Valentine's Day...For AGM...

- Do we continue to alternate locations on both sides of the River?
- Due to low Canadian dollar it is becoming costly to host the AGM on the US side.
- Discussion...each person present offered an opinion...Finding a speaker is not a problem...

DECISION: Stay on Canadian side for 2016.

d) Membership Report,

Total No. Memberships (not including organizations)	2016	2015
Life (paid)	18	
Individual	49	11
Family	39	15
Student	1	5
Complimentary senior members	6	
Complimentary for guest speakers	5	
Total Membership	118	31
Total memberships	149	
Total # CA	129	
Total # USA	20	
Total Membership	149	
Organizations, Audubon, Ontario Nature etc.	6	

Date: October 4th 2016

- Memberships for 2015, are memberships that are not due yet or have been send a membership renewal reminder
- reminder letters were emailed out to 19 members
- Clubs - 3 Canada and 3 the States
- 6 complimentary memberships for older members, not well at the present time and who have been members for 10 years or more
- 5 complimentary are for guest speakers
- 1 new family memberships joined this month, one from Canada, welcome letter was sent with information concerning club activities and e-membership cards
- e-membership cards were sent out those members who renewed membership
By: Don and Vivian Hall

e) Environmental Action Committee Review
None

f) Michigan Audubon,

The Sandhill Crane and Art Festival, otherwise known as CraneFest, will be held outdoors at the Battle Creek Kiwanis Youth Area, 22300 15 Mile Road, near Bellevue Michigan on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 & 9, from noon until 7:00pm. This event celebrates the annual fall migration of the Greater Sandhill Crane.

g) Ontario Nature, no report

Meeting deferred to a Conference call on October 20th, 2016.....

Let Carrie know if you have a question for other clubs or Ontario Nature.

h) S.S.M. Trails Committee

Full meeting will be scheduled soon.

ACTION: Tony asked to discuss possibility of trails along flood ways at meeting.

ACTION: Chuck to provide Tony with a map

- i) Publicity
No Report
- J) Local Citizens Committee Forestry Management
No report

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Creek Revitalization Plan; on-hold
ACTION: Ask Environmental Action Committee to investigate possibility, precedence in other jurisdictions, best bets for moving forward to create trails and natural habitats along the Sault's Creeks and Floodways. (See outings report from Aug 27, 2016).

6. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) LNG Port.
Federal Minister of Environment announced approval of the west coast LNG terminal/plant. Native concerns, Naturalist concerns e.g. Flares killing birds. Robert proposing a letter of concern to Ontario Nature... Etc., to Minister.
Concerns with project, explain how concerns have been addressed?
ACTION: Rob and Joy to draft a letter for executive review.
- b) Christmas Bird Count two items,
 - Sault Ste. Marie's Bird Count to be held on December 17th.
 - Kensington Conservancy to run their first bird count on a date which does not conflict
- c) Ron; survey indicated First Tuesday of Month for Executive meetings

8. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

Tony: Lots of bird activity...Lapland Long Spur, Palm Warbler, White Throated Sparrow, Field Sparrows, on O'Brien Avenue

Robert: near Iron Bridge saw lots of White Crowned Sparrows; almost a murmuration.

Weekend Outing: Eagle, Scaup, Mallard, Harrier, ...

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Moved by Rob, Seconded by Don