

# Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Civic Centre, Thompson Room

Attendees: Ron, Jerry, Angela, Chuck, Don, Cindy, Gail,

Regrets: Mark, Jen, Val, Jeff, Carl, Tony, Robert, Bill, Carrie

Guests: none

## 1) The meeting was called to order at 7 pm

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### 1. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Meeting night next year: New Business

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### 2. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

April 7 minutes ready to go. Angela will forward to EC and John Lehman [*Secretary's note: done*]

April 28 minutes, approved: Moved by Angela, Seconded by Don

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### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Youth summit selection- Carrie  
In June Carrie will look for someone in school system who would like to attend conference
- b) Centennial Park Platform  
Set date for an exploratory meeting. June 30 meeting at ToolTown agreed to car pool to the platform
- c) Garlic Mustard Pull May 28, May 31  
Was a success. About 30 people attended, we pulled about 52 bags. We got most of it.  
May 31 Peter Burtch organized a pull at Wishart Park which was very successful
- d) Pygmy Snaketail and Riverine Clubtail project  
In full swing. We've been out since June 5. Training was provided beforehand by a biology expert in insects.  
Wednesday laid out the sites, Thursday was a lab day. Chuck, Val, Ron, Alicia and Mark Olivier attended. Peter Burtch attended Day 2  
Some sites not easy to get to. Found some exuviae, no emergents.  
Found a little wood turtle yesterday and a full grown one today. They are an endangered species.  
Many white trilliums, north of their usual area  
We will get money for travel, supplies and lunch. Ron is keeping track of who is out there and the dates.
- e) Hub Trail Festival-give away  
Festival is July 1
- f) Fridge magnet purchase 500 at .32 each = \$160+tax (per Teresa Belanger)  
Logo, name and web site address  
Will take to general membership for approval. 10-day turnaround time

**MOVE** that the EC recommend membership approval of \$184 for fridge magnets for advertising purposes  
Moved by Chuck, seconded by Jerry, carried

- g) New Brochure publication \$195+15% for  
**MOVE** that the EC recommend membership approval of \$250 for 530 brochures for advertising purposes  
(30 advance copies for design purposes)  
Moved by Jerry, seconded by Gail, carried
- h) Swift Watch Night  
Many people: Six swifts appeared and went into the courthouse while people were watching the post office  
One bear sighting downtown  
Last week 250 were sighted.  
Cameras at courthouse and post office are fogged over and will be fixed.  
Success at building realization there is something valuable here
- i) Program and outing ads  
We will table this for the time being. Very labour intensive, as each outlet has its own format.  
We can revisit this in the fall  
Newspapers would welcome feature articles..
- j) Science Fest  
Busy all day. Kids enjoyed the birdsong identification, which we will probably do again next year.
- k) Soo Nats Flickr account  
Val has taken on this activity, which is the photograph part of the wiki.  
John Lehman would like to back off as web master so we are looking for someone to take on this job.

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#### 4. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

a) Treasurer's Report

Canadian Account	\$2,969.00
US Account	\$ 382.21
GIC#1(Jan 13/17)	\$3,956.93
GIC#2(Jun 17/16)	\$3,810.83

Gail asked for invoices at the beginning of each meeting.  
She wants to be sure that small expenses (less than \$200) are budgeted and that the EC is aware of these before a cheque is issued.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether this is needed.

Cheques to be signed this month were:

\$49.61 Printing

\$67.97 ScienceFest

**MOVED** to have invoices under \$200 presented to the Treasurer at the beginning of the EC meeting and each expense approved at the meeting before a cheque is issued

Moved by Gail, Seconded by Don not carried

Modified by Jerry to have detailed line items disclosed in following meeting Treasurer's Report. Not voted upon

Brochures and fridge magnets are not in budget. What funds do these come out of ?  
Decided there are sufficient funds in the running account for these expenses.

Planned expenses:	Magnets	\$184
	Brochures	\$250
	Youth Summit	\$350
	Ontario Nature	\$250
	Life Membership	\$250
	Platform (\$1,050 is left of \$30,000, in General Account)	

Memberships still to be paid in 2016: 47 = \$1,175

**MOVED** to renew \$3,810.83 GIC for one year and add \$250 for lifetime membership  
Moved by Chuck, seconded by Don, carried

- b) Outings
  - Outing to St Josephs Saturday Bicycle outing, led by Chuck
- c) Programs
  - Program committee has 3 programs confirmed out of 10
  - Guest speaker for AGM not confirmed yet
  - Dragonfly presentation for September suggested. That would give us programs through December
  - January trying to get Emily Weber to talk about wolves on Isle Royale
- d) Membership Report, Attachment A
- e) Environmental Action Committee Review
  - Bill has a couple of volunteers; Ron will make another announcement next general meeting
- f) Michigan Audubon, no report
- g) Ontario Nature, no report
- h) S.S.M. Trails Committee
  - Hub Trail July 1; we will take part. Robert and Joy will help with passports
- i) Publicity
  - generating a lot of publicity, getting hits in the media. Cindy has details on file and will share at the AGM
- J) Local Citizens Committee Forestry Management No report

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## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Creek Revitalization Plan-on hold

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## 6. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

7. Thank you to Val for preparing the Goulais Valley Dragonfly Survey Protocol

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**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Wiki status addressed, looking for a web master
- b) Val suggests we approach City Parks and Rec for a blanket approval for garlic mustard pulls  
**MOVED** by Chuck, seconded by Cindy, carried

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**9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS**

Bear at the Swift Watch  
Female fox near Algoma U, no kits seen this year (Cindy)  
Chuck saw a wood turtle at Goulais River

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Moved by Don, Seconded by Cindy

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**ATTACHMENT A: MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

<b>Total No. Memberships (not including organizations)</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Life (paid)	18	
Individual	47	14
Family	37	16
Student	1	5
Complimentary senior members	4	
Complimentary for guest speakers	5	
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total memberships</b>	<b>147</b>	
<b>Total # CA</b>	<b>128</b>	
<b>Total # USA</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>147</b>	
Organizations, Audubon, Ontario Nature etc.	6	

**Date: June 2nd 2016**

- Memberships for 2015, are memberships that are not due yet or that are due this month
- Clubs - 3 Canada and 3 the States
- 4 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
- reminder letters were mailed to 4 members concerning dues not paid since 2014: one renewed, removed two who didn't respond and added one complementary membership for a person who is not well at this time
- 2 new individual memberships joined this month, one from Canada, one from the States
- welcome letters were sent to new members 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*