



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 5, 2016

7:00 pm Civic Centre Thompson Room

Present: Carl, Jeff, Jen, Mark, Chuck, Gail, Don, Ron, Val, Angela, Carrie, Bill

Regrets: Robert, Jerry, Tony

1) Call to order 7:07 pm

2) Additions to the agenda:None

3) Revision/Approval of last meeting's Minutes

Approval of June Minutes: moved by Chuck. Seconded by Val

Approval of November Minutes: Moved by Angela. Seconded by Val

ACTION - ANGELA: Send all minutes from June to November to Jeff

4) Business arising from the minutes

a) Northern Nature Trading volunteers-Don

7 people trained as volunteers, (all Soonats)

Opening in October didn't generate much activity

Open Friday and Saturday 10-4, might change to Saturday and Sunday

Cost for membership \$15 a year per child might slow things up

b) Fisheries Management Committee Appointment

Zone 9, Lake Superior

Harvey Robbins volunteered, ratification by the Executive

Harvey was Dean of Natural Resources Department (now Natural Environment & Outdoor Studies) at Sault College. He has a PhD in fisheries biology/management.

MOTION: Appoint Harvey to Fisheries Management Committee: Moved by Don Seconded by Mark, carried

c) LNG Terminal letter R. Cohen

Robert was to send us a letter, we did not receive one.

5) Committee and other reports

a) Treasurer-

Invoices for expenses re Dragonfly Project submitted

Canadian Account	\$3,204.13	
US Account	442.21	
GIC #1	\$3,956.93	matures Jan 13/2017
GIC #2	\$4,110.37	matures June 19, 2017

Budget

Do we base the budget on a projection of 2016 memberships or on members who did not pay in 2016 paying double in 2017? Viv expects these people to wish to continue as members.

MOTION: base budget on projected membership: Moved by Jeff, seconded by Bill, carried (\$3,135)

Detailed discussion of line items; no major revisions; budget attached

At this point we are projecting a small deficit

Gail observed that insurance premium will probably increase

Bayliss will increase because of FX variations

Ontario Nature membership will probably increase

MOTION BIRD COUNT expenses: SooNats will "sponsor" the Christmas Bird Count with a donation of \$55. This is not a SooNats event: it is a Birds Studies Canada or Audobon initiative. Don and Dave are responsible for this relationship. Moved by Chuck seconded by Jeff, carried

MOTION: Adopt the budget as printed with revision fort with a projected increase of 10% in Insurance costs, revision in our projected income based on Don and Vivian's projected membership numbers, Bayliss donation of USD\$100 to equivalent Canadian Funds and an addition of a Christmas Bird Count donation. moved by Angela, seconded by Carrie, carried
The revised budget is Attachment 2, below

b) Outings

Last outing for the year this Saturday, led by Chuck

Request for outings sent to members, hope to have schedule finalized by third week in December

c) Programs

Holiday meeting Tuesday Dec 13 at Bayliss

Jan-June 2017 speakers are all confirmed.

Jan and Feb Bayliss was booked so January meeting will be on January 24

For AGM; Feb 28, we have a to-do list. Will discuss details in January meeting

We need to set ticket prices, decide on children's tickets,

d) Membership-Don and Viv Recognition

Thank you for all the amazing work over all the years.
Membership report attached, no change since last month

e) Environmental Action Committee-,
Forest Management Plan 2020-2030
3 year planning process

We need an invitation to contribute to Citizen's Participation input
Club can contribute insight as to areas of value that should be protected.

Ramsar Wetlands

Bill and Peter Burtch in contact, will keep EC informed

f) Michigan Audubon

Nothing to report

Carl distributed an article about Chimney Swifts and health benefits of being in nature

g) Ontario Nature

Ontario Government action on carbon offsets. There are petitions for individual citizens to sign.
Youth Summit; still looking for a participant. Did not have much luck going through the school system.
Could advertize at AGM, Science Fest, Rotary Science Fest, SooNats membership

h) S.S.M. Trails Committee

Tony sends regrets, discussion of new bike paths in Ontario
Routes being identified in area
www.CycleOn.ca

i) Publicity

nothing to report. We need a publicity person for the EC

j) Local Citizens Committee Forestry Management

Meeting Dec 5, well attended

Report on Independent Forest Audit: information is confidential, will be released in 18 months

6) Old business

a) Creek Revitalization Plan-on hold

7) Updates and reminders

a) Thanks to Val and Jerry Zuchlinski for work on the Dragonfly Project. Val is engaged in identifying the exuviae now, using facilities at Sault College

8) New business

- a) Bioblitz help Fort St. Joes Jun 25,26 2017

The EC supports the idea of assisting and will forward the idea to our members. We can include this in our outings schedule for June.

- b) Budget Deliberations See Treasurer's Report
c) Christmas Bird Count- emails See Treasurer's Report

- d) Paypal, e-transfer to renew, join

Leave for the time being

NOTE: The Treasurer subsequently remarked that she supports the idea of allowing members to pay through EPay. The cost is borne by the transferor and funds are deposited immediately.

- e) Letter of Support to Invasive Species Centre
We have supported before, Ron sent letter

- f) Letter of Support for Swift project East Algoma
Jenny Pierce wants to extend project, Ron sent a letter of support

- g) Nominating Committee

9) Nature Observations

Fork Creek wetland.. Conservation Authority pulled out the dams; the beavers are back. City levelled the wetland, cut all the vegetation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10, Moved by Gail, seconded by Carl

Attachment 1

Membership Report

Total No. Memberships (not including Organizations)	2017	2016	2015
Life (paid)		18	
Individual	1	52	7
Family		45	10
Student		1	5
Complimentary senior members		6	
Complimentary for guest speakers		5	
Total Membership	1	127	22
Total memberships		150	
Total # CA		130	
Total # USA		20	
Total Membership		150	
Organizations, Audubon, Ontario Nature etc.		6	

Date: December 6th 2016

- Memberships for 2015, are memberships that are not due yet or have been sent a membership renewal reminder
- reminder letters were emailed out to 16 members who are now due
- 5 of these reminders were college students who I am not sure are still at the college, 3 of whom signed up at Anne Shepherd's turtle talk last November
- reminder letters were emailed to 6 memberships due this month
- 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
- 2 e-membership cards were sent out to those members who renewed membership.

By: Don and Vivian Hall

Attachment 2

Budget 2017

		2016		2017
	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
<u>Expenses</u>				
Can./US Insurance	\$ 1,377.00		1,514.70	
PO Box Rental	176.00		176.00	
Bank Fees	65.08		65.08	
Newsletter/Printing	100.00		100.00	
Postage/Photocopy	50.00		50.00	
AGM Report	50.00		50.00	
Misc. Supplies			200.00	
Ontario Nature Mem	165.00		165.00	
Ont. Nature Conf.	250.00		250.00	
Bird Count Rm Rental	15.00		15.00	
Program	50.00		50.00	
Outings	50.00		50.00	
Membership	140.00		140.00	
Environmental Action	50.00		50.00	
Publicity	100.00		100.00	
President's	100.00		200.00	
Secretary's	50.00		50.00	
Treasurer's	20.00		20.00	
Science Fest			100.00	
Brochures and Advertising			-	
Youth Environment Summit			350.00	
<u>Donations</u>				
Rotary Club(Sci Fair)	100.00		100.00	
Nature Canada	75.00		75.00	
LSSU Science Award				
Bayliss Library	100.00		140.00	
Christmas Bird Count			55.00	
<u>Other</u>				
Capital Projects				
Annual Mtg. Costs				
Annual Mtg. Revenue		426.04		-
Silent Auction		344.00		-
Donations				
Regional Meeting				
<u>Income</u>				
Can. Membership		98		
USA Membership		17		

Individual		1,275.00		1,475.00
Family		1,230.00		1,650.00
Student		60.00		10.00
Life		191.25		202.50
<u>Total</u>	<u>3,083.08</u>	<u>3,641.29</u>	<u>4,065.78</u>	<u>3,337.50</u>
<u>Surplus(Deficit)</u>		<u>558.21</u>		- 728.28
Platform Repair Costs				
Platform Repair Account				
<u>Paid Membership</u>				
Student		6		1
Individual		51		52
Family		41		45
Life Members		17		18
Total Membership		<u>115</u>		<u>116</u>
Projected Membership				