

Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Civic Centre, Thompson Room

Member	Present	Regrets
Ron Prickett, President	Y	
Chuck Miller, vice President, Trails and Membership Programs	Y	
Angela Henley, Treasurer	Y	
Jerry Kroetsch, Secretary	Y	
Robert Cohen, Member at large	Y	
Carter Dorscht, Member at large	Y	
Carrie Ginou, Ontario Nature		X
Mark Harvey, Forest Management Planning LCC		X
Carl Linhart, Michigan Audubon Society		X
Bill Meades, Environmental Action	Y	
Jeff Robinson, Archives	Y	
Barb Scott, Membership		X
Val Walker, Outings	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

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2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

- Moved by Robert Seconded by Bill
- Approved

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Facebook Page start-up
 - Going good, 74 likes
 - Posting content, some being forwarded to other Facebook users
 - Continue to forward content to Carter
2. LNG
 - Proposed Memo to Canada's Environmental Minister about hazards associated with LNG was shared by Robert.
 - Edits were suggested.

- Motion to send letter via Ron once cleaned up
- Proposed Rob, Seconded Angela
- Approved

ACTION: Robert to clean-up memo and forward to Ron for final approval, letterhead and signing.

3. Dragonfly Project update...
 - Emergent is under way, close to fifty Exuviae being collected today.
 - June 16 looking for members to fill some gaps.
4. Bait Management- Provincial Recommendations Val
 - Sault Naturalist input sent via Environmental Registry.
 - Membership can provide their comments by June 27.
5. Garlic Mustard Pull
 - Twenty plus people showed up for the May 27, 2017 pull at Sutton Park,
 - Follow up work by Scouts also went well
 - Need to encourage more participation.
 - *Peter Burtch to decide around June 10 2017 if Garlic mustard Pull to be planned for Wishart Park*
6. Swift watch Night
 - Saturday June 3rd, 2017
 - Not a significant roosting night. Eight birds and 22 participants.
 - Post Office being used. Court House Chimney used but only for 5 minutes.
 - Possibly more predation.
 - National count nights May 24th , May 28th , June 1st and 5th

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report, See Attachment A for details**
 - Motion to put money in a savings account (More accessible than GIC)
 - Moved Angela .. Seconded by Robert
 - Carried
 - Discussion on how much money in GIC's should be directed to projects; need to decide in fall.
- Outings**
 - Val; This Saturday Chuck leading trip to Garden River to look at if sturgeons are spawning. This Sunday Evelyn Botany... Down by Cedarville

c) Programs

- June 13 at GLFC, Pollinators by Elisa Muto
- (Ken Baldwin to be CFS contact this night)
- Break over summer
- Full list of Fall Speakers
- September Wildlife Barriers.... See list
- Need to decide on location of AGM. (Defer to September)

d) Membership Report, Attachment --- B.

- 103 Paid up.

e) Environmental Action Committee Review

- Nothing New

f) Michigan Audubon,

- Cerulean Warbler Weekend June 10 - June 11
- Register required for Cerulean Warbler Weekend, which will feature guided birding walks throughout Southwest Michigan's best hotspots,

- American Ornithological Society and Society of Canadian Ornithologists Joint Meeting
- July 31 - August 5
- Will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, from July 31 – August 5, 2017. This will be the inaugural meeting of the American Ornithological Society, the new society formed in 2016 by merging the American Ornithologists' Union and Cooper Ornithological Society.

g) Ontario Nature,

- Carrie, Christopher agreed to attend Youth Summit in Orillia.
- Ron and Carrie to make final decision on also providing up to \$200.00 to offsets travel costs.
- Proposed Chuck and Seconded Carter.
Approved

- Carrie Ron Val attending Regional Ontario Nature meeting On Manitoulin Island.

h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee

- Meeting May 17
- Here are other active transportation-related events happening around the community:
 - May 20 – Canal "On the road to 100" – 10am-12pm
 - May 27 – Summer kickoff at the Pump Track (11am-2pm)
 - May 28 – Hiawatha Trails Festival

- June 9th – Inaugural ride for Trans Canada Trail/Waterfront Regeneration Trail Sault link with Minister Eleanor McMahon
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- July 1 Hub Trail Festival
- Car Free Day - GORE STREET and neighbourhood – July 6, 12-3pm
- Car free Day - QUEEN STREET – July 29, 9:30-1 pm

For each of these days, we will need people to help with programming, promotion, and volunteering on the day of. Please let me know - will pass your name along to the city.

- We also discussed the possibility of doing guided rides again.
- Old Garden River Road along Second Line - getting a sidewalk - city to look at possible bicycle alternatives in the area and amend city cycling plan that is 10 years old

h) Publicity, Vacant

- Vacant no Report

i) Local Citizens Committee Forest Management

- No Report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a) Creek Revitalization

Ron to setup meeting with City Parks and Engineers to see what they are open to consider

Outstanding.

7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

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8. NEW BUSINESS

- UP Environmental Commission (Rodger)
 - Ron frustrated with group communications.

b) Rehabilitation of Little Rapids on Sugar Island Celebration

- Fish Boil celebration of rehab, on June 10, 2017
- Asked Sault Naturalists to look after picnic table/station with binoculars (insufficient notice).
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9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Calf Moose, tangled in fence, got free. Carter
- Exuviae
- While on Dragon fly surveys; heard Warblers, King Fishers, Myrtles saw bunch berries in flower etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Moved by Jeff. Seconded by Angela

Carried.

ATTACHMENT A: TREASURERS REPORT**Treasurer's Report June 6, 2017****Canadian Account**

Date	Description	Category	Amount	Balance
21-Apr	Balance forward			2,802.64
25-May	Memberships	Mem	213.00	3,015.64

US Account

Date	Description	Category	Amount	Balance
1-May	Balance Forward			537.21
	no activity in May			
6-Jun	Memberships	Mem	55.00	592.21

GICs

#1	matures 01/18/18			4,010.35
#2	Matures 06/19/17			4,110.37

Platform Funds	(in C\$ chequing acct)	1,050.91
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ATTACHMENT B: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total No. Memberships	
Life (paid)	19
Individual	42
Family	37
Student	5
Complimentary senior members	4
Complimentary for guest speakers	5
Total Paid Memberships (sum of the above)	112
Total memberships (Paid & yet to be paid this year)	149
Total # CA	136
Total # USA	13
Organizations, Audubon, Ontario Nature etc.	2

Date: June 5, 2017

By: Barb Scott
