

Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Civic Centre, Biggins 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	Y	
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	Y	
Val Walker, Outings	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

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2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Ron invite from UPEC
- Bread and Ducks
- Fort St Joe Bird List
- Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol
- Milkweed Protection Project idea

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

- Moved by Robert Seconded by Carter
- **Approved**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. AGM Location

- Less Expensive on Canadian Side
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MOTION: Chuck, to hold AGM Meeting on Canadian Side February 13, 2018

- Jeff Seconded.... **Carried**

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- 2. GIC, Angela/Ron
 - GIC Rolled over automatically to January
 - Discussion on using Money for worthwhile projects. Generally supported. Specific projects to be determined by consensus and input.
- 3. Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition; Celebration Participation
 - Sault Naturalists were offered a Table on Sept 16, 2017, during the celebration.
 - Barb, Bill, Ron... Angela to share in hosting a table profiling the Sault Naturalists.
 - Val doing a 5 PM outing as part of UPEC Celebration.
- 4. LNG, Robert
 - BC Terminal that was approved September 2016; The Project is now cancelled.
 - Project No Longer Going ahead. News of Cancellation.
 - Desire to involve Membership in future activism against LNG terminals.

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Treasurer's Report, See Attachment A** for details
- Not a busy summer for expenses (some printing, Hub Trail Expenses, Dragon Fly 2016 reimbursements).
 - See update Attachment A below
- b) **Outings**
- Val; Fall outings sent out to Membership.
 - Mailed two schedules and hand delivered about ten.
 - Also sent out Programs List for 2017/2018.
- c) **Programs**
- Draft Program list out; pending confirmation of December location.
- MOTION:** Use Bayliss library for December 12 2017 Meeting/Social
- by Chuck, Seconded Barb, **Carried**
 - Sept 12, 2017 Program... Improving highways to mitigate wildlife mortality and disruption.
- d) **Membership Report, Attachment --- B.**
- Winding down Year; asking for Prorated part payments for balance of year, with option to pay in full for 2018.
 - January will be a blitz for full year payments 2018.
 - **ACTION:** Chuck to draft form letter for Guest Memberships

- **ACTIONS:** Various executive agreed to call members which have not paid since 2015; ask if they are still interested.

e) Environmental Action Committee Review

- Bill; Nothing New on Algoma Forest Management Plan, touching base with Dave Euler.

f) Michigan Audubon Society,

- Carl Linhart has resigned after over 17 years on Executive.
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- Thanks to Carl for all the years spent as Excellent Leadership to the group, participation on the executive committee and as contact for Michigan Audubon Society.
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- Carl suggested Joseph Lautenbach as a replacement
- Could also no longer have a single member as the MAS contact.
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g) Ontario Nature,

- Carrie, ...
- Christopher, our nominee, has a ride to the Ontario Nature Student Conference in Orillia
- She will ask him for a report to Membership or Executive.
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- Ontario Nature Regional Conference Call to be scheduled in October. Carrie to attend or will ask for an alternate.

h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee

- No meetings held in the past few Months.

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

1. **Michigan Audubon Society:** asked us to endorse their motion to prohibit hunting of Mourning Doves and Sandhill Cranes

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- Ron to write letter of support.

2. **Rob; Meritorious Service.**

- Get more recognition, enhance our own meetings and executive role...
- Every AGM thank one or two people.
- Suggest annual award. Committee to select who to get award.

ACTION: Meritorious Service Award; to discuss further at next meeting

3. **Past Gros Cap Surveys,**

- 1987 MNRF Requested copies of Survey (s),
- Jeff to look for the archived information.
- Robert remembers doing one with Gladys 2001.

4. **Ontario Wetland Conservation Strategy:**

- OWCS asked for comments on their processes...

ACTION: Barb to look into, likely ask for an extension in response due date....

5. **Bird List at Fort Saint Joseph ;**

- Carter provided list to Park's Canada.
- (original list when bird sanctuary was approved is missing)
- Park's Canada is open to providing list to visiting Birders...
- so they can add newly viewed birds,
- Park's Canada cannot publish list quickly. But publish by Sault Naturalist to expedite and getting into hands of local birds.

ACTION: Carter to copy to draft to Executive Committee.

ACTION: Carter to ask membership for input; any obvious reoccurring birds missed?

MOTION: Club to cover cost to print 100 copies for initial list, Robert. Second Carrie

Carried

6. **Don't Feed the Ducks Bread Signs.**

- Carter sent picture of signs sample from the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists.

ACTION: Ron to talk to City to see if they have any regulations/standards for signs.

7. **Ontario Stream Assessment Protocol.**

- Has a citizen scientist's methodology. Discharge/Flow is the focus. Val got information from Ryan Namespectra at Soo College.
- Val to read into it more. Ryan may want a meeting with club.

8. **Milkweed Project:**

- Members distraught about townships mowing down Milkweed along roadway right of ways.
- Loss of food and pupating sites for Monarch Butterfly.
- Need to talk to Townships... opportunity to flag areas to not be mowed.
- Start small.

ACTION: .Ron to contact Mark need to get some details on when to allow cutting.

9. **Next Meeting,**

- Chuck has option to chair meeting as Ron is away in early October.
- Chuck will ask for input; as to whether to hold the meeting or defer

9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Porcupine,
- Deer
- Dead Mole, Robert (Val took Picture)(Hairy Tailed Mole)

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Moved by Jeff. Seconded by Robert

Carried.

ATTACHMENT A: TREASURERS REPORT**Treasurer's Report September 5, 2017****Canadian Account**

Date	Description	Category	Amount	Balance
31-May	Balance forward			3,015.64
	Membership deposits		+180.00	
25-May	Expenses		-296.29	2,899.35

US Account

Date	Description	Category	Amount	Balance
1-Jun	Balance Forward			592.21
	no activity in Summer			

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**

ATTACHMENT B: MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September 3rd 2017

Total No. Memberships	
Life (paid)	19
Individual paid	45
Family paid	40
Student paid	6
Total Paid Memberships (sum of the above)	110
Complimentary senior members	4
Complimentary for guest speakers	5
In arrears (individual and family)	29
Total memberships*	148
Total # CA*	131
Total # USA*	17
Organizations, Audubon, Ontario Nature, etc.	6

*Sum of paid, in arrears, and complimentary

Date: September 3, 2017

By: Barb Scott
