



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2018

The meeting was held at the Civic Centre, Sault Ste. Marie Ontario

Member	Present	Regrets
Ron Prickett, President	Y	
Chuck Miller, vice President, Trails and Programs	Y	
Angela Henley, Treasurer		N
Jerry Kroetsch, Secretary	Y	
Carter Dorscht, Social Media		N
Carrie Ginou, Ontario Nature	Y	
Mark Harvey, Forest Management Planning LCC		N
Bill Meades, Environmental Action	Y	
Jeff Robinson, Archives	Y	
Barb Scott, Membership		N
Val Walker,	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- a) None.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Sustainable Algoma discussion added to New Business
- Northern Trails discussion added to New Business

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Questions arose about the Treasurer's report; is the \$50 USD notation one item of \$50.00 or two items?

ACTION: Angela to address at next meeting.

MOTION: To accept February 27, 2018 Minutes as submitted with the inclusion of Attachments A (Treasurer's report), B (Membership Report) by Chuck, seconded by Val
Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Dragonfly Financial Statement
 - Got final check from OMNRF. Original amount budgeted was received and to be paid out (2,537.00 in 2017/18).
 - Volunteer's to be reimbursed for lunches and driving.
 - See attachment "C"

- b) Michigan Butterfly Workshop
 - Workshop trains for a butterfly sampling procedure.
 - Try and get a Lab at Sault College.

ACTION: Val to confirm interest and confirm date in June.

- c) Gear Selling
 - Discussed at last program meeting, best suggestion was to do on our Website
 - Website is unable to support classified ads at this time
- d) Carl's Files
 - Lots of annual past reports (Jeff to review with Ron)
 - Some additional Field Manuals to be offered to membership (Some manuals were distributed at March program meeting).

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
 - No significant activity since last report
- b) Outings (Val)
 - No volunteer; yet.
 - Input provided at end of meeting to facilitate getting May outings published.
- c) Programs (Chuck) –
 - At next AGM; plan to offer tip without invoice to save on sales tax.
 - Next program; “The Dance of the Sandhill Cranes” with Jeff Lange at Bayliss Library April 10 2018.
 - Back at Forestry Centre next month (May).
 - Need Program ideas for next year, need to start planning for 2018/19.
- d) Membership Report (Barb)
 - Summary attached.
 - Need to send snail mailers individual letters (4).
 - Some discrepancy, some people who paid at AGM at not on paid up on the list which Ron was reading from; Barb to confirm.
 - May need updated procedures.
 - Board may have to call past due members to remind and encourage them to reenroll.

- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
 - since last meeting, Bill and Dave received an invite to the Algoma Forest LCC meeting,
 - Mark asked the Forest Management Planning team to consider both the Federal and Provincial Species at Risk lists when developing plans.
 - Request was received, but will not know if accepted until next meeting.
 - Next LCC meeting is in August to review the long-term management direction, but we can interact with planners any time in the interim.

- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie)
 - Protected Spaces Campaign letter writing campaign to protect 17% of land is still not too clear.
 - (Conor Mihell is scheduled to talk at the Centennial Library on April 17 6:30 PM about the plans to protect 17% of the landmass.)
 - Youth Summit Nancy provided a potential candidate. But the student decided not to attend this year
 - Could offer opportunity to Chris again, if no one else comes forward.
 - Storm Water Advisory Committee; Funding. Very active. Public information meeting sessions to be promoted by club.
 - Options to fund storm water infrastructure include: Property Taxes, User fees, Fees based on assessment of impermeability of your site, etc.
 - BPAC for St Mary's River. City official plan is being updated. "Shape the Soo" campaign. "City Plan can use more input on environmental concerns"
 - Peter Tenazzo a city Planner would be a good speaker for the Sault Naturalists.

- g) Local Citizen's Committee Forest Management (Mark)
 - None, *See Environmental Action Committee*

- h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
 - STAC meeting in March 14, 2018

CITY OF SSM

Definitions:

- Bike Route – existing road just add signs
- Bike Lane – paint on the road – like Queens Street
- Separate Path – like the Hub Trail – MUT / MUP = multiuse trail / path

Infrastructure money available for active transportation – for commuters:

City Priorities

1. Finalize signage on the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail.

2. Install bike route signage along Willow Ave and Queen Street.
3. Install bike racks throughout downtown, community facilities and around the Hub Trail.
4. Initiate Feasibility and Design of proposed bike lanes. (Options to be presented at an open house)
5. Engineering / design services for Second Line West by-pass route – two off road MUPs
 - a. Northern Community Centre / Korah Collegiate properties
 - b. Peoples Road and Second Line connecting to the Hub Trails at Carman’s Way
6. Road Diet EAs – like Queen – going from 4 lanes – to 3 lanes + 2 bike lanes requires EA
7. Bruce street – pedestrian block

Discussion

- new trails more of a priority than – bike racks
- Take a look and see if any big gains where bike route marking could be done – if safe and does not lead to a hazard location

OTHER – Northern Ontario Trails Symposium April 26 & 27 - \$150 – booth space available

Meeting on April 25, regarding Great Northern Rd and Second Line intersection; consultant will table report.

- i) Social Media (Carter)
 - No report

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Creek Revitalization Plan-Report and Next Steps
 - Letter drafted to SMRCA about date of tree brushing; requesting brush removal deferred until after mid-July.
 - Val received input.

- b) Duck Feeding Sign makeup



Picture tabled and accepted.

- c) Stream Assessment project with Sault College
 - No update.
- d) Garlic Mustard Pull; Sutton Park; May 26, 2018 –
 - No update.

- e) Monarch Habitat Protection Project
 - No update.

c) UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- a. none

d) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Sustain Algoma booth for \$50.00
 - Sault Nats to decline
- b) Northern Trails conference, booth for \$150.00 for April 26 and 27
 - Sault Nats to decline
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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Chuck. Seconded by Carry. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry

ATTACHMENT “A” TREASURER’S REPORT

No update for April

ATTACHMENT “B” MEMBERSHIP REPORT

April 2018

	Total # Memberships
Individual	33
Family	26
Life	23
Complimentary - Seniors	6
Complimentary - Speakers	2
Student	1
Organizations	1
Total Members	92
Canadian	82
American	10

By: Barb Scott

ATTACHMENT “C”**Meal & Transportation Allowances reimbursed by OMNRF as part of the Dragonfly Project**

Name	Days	Meal Stipend	Days Driven	Transport. Allowance	Total
Attwell, Brent	1	\$ 9.27	1	\$ 37.00	\$ 46.27
Bain, Richard	8	\$ 74.16	1	\$ 37.00	\$ 111.16
Burtch, Peter	2	\$ 18.54	1	\$ 37.00	\$ 55.54
Cohen, Robert	3	\$ 27.81		\$ -	\$ 27.81
Cossette, Shelley	7	\$ 64.89		\$ -	\$ 64.89
Ginou, Carrie	2	\$ 18.54		\$ -	\$ 18.54
Kroetsch, Jerry	3	\$ 27.81	3	\$ 111.00	\$ 138.81
Mikolieu, Karen	1	\$ 9.27		\$ -	\$ 9.27
Miller, Chuck	8	\$ 74.16	2	\$ 74.00	\$ 148.16
Muto, Eliisa	2	\$ 18.54	2	\$ 74.00	\$ 92.54
Olivier, Mark	4	\$ 37.08		\$ -	\$ 37.08
Prickett, Ron	9	\$ 83.43	8	\$ 296.00	\$ 379.43
Robinson, Jeff	2	\$ 18.54	2	\$ 74.00	\$ 92.54
Routledge, Rob	1	\$ 9.27	1	\$ 37.00	\$ 46.27
Scott, Barb	2	\$ 18.54		\$ -	\$ 18.54
Scott, Will	2	\$ 18.54		\$ -	\$ 18.54
Students	4	\$ 37.08		\$ -	\$ 37.08
Walker, Valerie	11	\$ 101.97		\$ -	\$ 101.97
Zayackowski, Chris	1	\$ 9.27		\$ -	\$ 9.27
Total		\$ 676.71		\$ 777.00	\$ 1,453.71