



## Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – June 5, 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                          | Y       |         |
| Jerry Kroetsch, Secretary                         | Y       |         |
| Carter Dorscht, Social Media                      | Y       |         |
| Carrie Ginou, Ontario Nature                      | Y       |         |
| Mark Harvey, Forest Management Planning LCC       |         | N       |
| Bill Meades, Environmental Action                 | Y       |         |
| Jeff Robinson, Archives                           |         | N       |
| Barb Scott, Membership                            | Y       |         |
| Val Walker,                                       | Y       |         |
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The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- a) None.

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### 2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- **Motion** to cover lunch expenses for Pumpkin Point Platform repair team and for an upcoming repair. by Angela and seconded Bill, **Carried**
- Funding to be taken from Platform repair funds
- **Motion** to cover expenses for PC/PowerPoint remote with cursor control that can be used at GLFC. Motion to approve \$105.08 expense by Chuck, Seconded Angela **Carried**.

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

**MOTION:** To accept May 1, 2018 Minutes as submitted with the inclusion of Attachments B (Membership Report) by Carter second by Carrie  
**Motion carried.**

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### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Garlic Mustard Pull, Sutton Park
- About 24 people showed up.
  - Val to produce a summary
  - Lots of Garlic Mustard plants to pick
  - This is the third year of pulling

- b) Monarch Habitat Protection Project
  - Jocelyn and Hilton townships have approved not mowing some sections of road right of ways with good milkweed growth.
  
  - Ministry of Transport (MTO is the responsible for maintenance on Highway 548) also agreed not to mow key area with good Milkweed production.
  
- c) Duck Feeding Sign forwarded to City
  - No response.
  - ACTION:** Ron to follow-up
  
- d) Swift Watch Week
  - Ended June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and big numbers of swifts occurred June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Bird Studies Canada last count night was June 4<sup>th</sup>, First night to go into chimneys. 1,100 in Court house and 40 into Post office chimney
  - Locally swifts are still being pursued by herring gulls...

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## 5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
  - See Attachment "A"
  
- b) Outings
  - Draft for July August sent around...
  - Full and varied agenda.
  - Talk about offer by Member to boat participants to Marquette Island on September's Labour Day long weekend
  
- c) Programs (Chuck) –
  - June 12, 2018 Ontario's Fire Management Strategy (Dan Johnston)
  - Draft Program for 2018-2019; still two slots to be filled
  
- d) Membership Report (Barb)
  - 133 Total members see attachment "B" Up 11 from previous Month
  - 24 past members not yet paid. Reviewed at meeting, some to be dropped from distribution list others will be called again. Distribution list to be updated the end of June.
  
- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
  - Committee input at the Forest Benefits meeting
  - Another meeting with Planning team not warranted at this time
  - waiting for next stage in review process, Future Forest Direction

- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie)
  - Chris has registered for Youth Summit.
  - Protected places campaign. Focus on Pressuring Ontario to adopt target.
  - Are looking for candidate areas (Public Lands).
  - Carrie has links/material suitable for social media will provide to Carter
  - ON want more reports on turtle sightings
  - Modus tracking towers: ON wants to see more in Northern Ontario. Needs a core group of dedicated fund raisers.
  - ON also doing pollinator studies and outreach projects.
  
- g) Local Citizen's Committee Forest Management (Mark)
  - No report.
  
- h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
  - No meetings other than HUB Trail ongoing meetings
  
- i) Social Media (Carter)
  - Over 5,000 people saw the St Joe's Island Moose photo
  - All going well.

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## 6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Creek Revitalization Plan-Report and Next Steps
  - Ron requested information about planned tree planting dates in the creek ways.
  - Nothing from Dean Greenwood, nothing from Rhonda.
  - Frustration
  
- b) Stream Assessment project with Sault College
  - No firm plans, still potential

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## 7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- a. none

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## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Hub Trail Festival, July 1, 2018. ...
  - Soo Nats assigned to Fort Creek 10 AM to 2 PM
  - Need help. Same day as Carl's Memorial.
  - Chuck and Carter maybe able to help

b) City Planning Department, Shape the City,....

- Ron read from City's meeting notes
- Chuck suggested five priorities for City and Conservation Authority. These points could be used to frame the Clubs input to the "Shape the Sault" initiative.
  - i. Reduce Chemical Contaminants
  - ii. Decrease Nutrients and Algal Pollutants
  - iii. Protect and Restore Habitats and Species
  - iv. Minimize the Spread of Invasive Species
  - v. Reduce Climate Change Impacts
- These priorities were identified in the Lake Huron Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP) 2017-2021 and have been adopted by over 40 organizations
  
- Jerry to review whether Patrick Lo's notes included maintaining water access (Yes they do).

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## 9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Purple Martins on Manitoulin (Chuck)
- More Moose being reported on St Joe's Island and on Black Road (bad bugs)
- Western King Bird on Whitefish Island Mid May.
- St Joe's Island Orchard Oriole

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Chuck. Second by Val. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Jerry*

## ATTACHMENT "A" TREASURER'S REPORT

### Canadian Account

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Description</b>        | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Balance</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 01-Jan      | Balance forward           |               | 3,819.25       |
|             | Membership Deposits       | 110.00        | 3,929.25       |
| February    | Printing& Postage         | - 75.26       |                |
|             | PO Box Rental             | -187.58       |                |
|             | Insurance                 | -1,405.08     |                |
|             | Misc                      | - 22.84       |                |
|             | Membership                | 785.00        | 3,023.27       |
| 15-Feb      | Membership                | 945.00        | 3,968.27       |
| 27-Feb      | Net AGM (see below)       | -300.70       | 3,667.57       |
| 15-Feb      | Silent Auction            | 511.00        | 4,178.57       |
| 28-Feb      | Bank Charges              | -22.83        | 4,155.74       |
| 31-Mar      | Bank Charges              | -4.08         | 4,151.66       |
| 12-Apr      | Rotary Club Donation      | -100.00       | 4,051.66       |
| 17 April    | Membership Deposit        | 180.00        | 4,231.66       |
| 30-Apr      | Bank Charges              | -5.54         | 4,226.12       |
| 30-May      | Ron Prickett, printing    | -79.49        | 4,146.63       |
| 30-May      | Val Walker, Annual Report | -255.26       | 3,891.37       |
| 30-May      | Donations, dragonfly      | 92.62         | 3,983.99       |
| May-31      | Memberships               | 195.00        | 4,178.99       |
| 05-Jun      | Bird Checklist printing   | -91.53        | 4,087.46       |

### GICs

|    |                  |          |
|----|------------------|----------|
| #1 | Matures 02/05/19 | 4,139.67 |
| #2 | Matures 06/19/18 | 4,110.37 |

### Platform Funds

(in C\$ chequing acct)

1,050.91

### AGM Summary

|                        |        |                |
|------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Ticket Sales           |        | 3,480.00       |
| Catering               |        | -3,404.37      |
| Media Room Rental      | -79.10 |                |
| Decorations            |        | -137.71        |
| Annual Reports for AGM | -97.37 |                |
| Ticket Printing        |        | -62.15         |
| <b>Net</b>             |        | <b>-300.70</b> |

### Silent Auction

511.00

+US\$50.00

### Dragonfly Project 2017

|            |           |               |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 11-Dec     | Deposit   | 1,922.31      |
| 06-Nov     | Expenses  | -80.61        |
| 15-Jan     | Equipment | -1,048.08     |
| 17-Apr     | Deposit   | 614.69        |
| 30-May     | Field Exp | -1,453.71     |
| <b>Net</b> |           | <b>-45.40</b> |

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**ATTACHMENT "B" MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Sault Naturalists Membership Report  
June 5, 2018**

|                             | Total #<br>Memberships |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Individual                  | 50                     |
| Family                      | 47                     |
| Life                        | 23                     |
| Complimentary - Seniors     | 6                      |
| Complimentary -<br>Speakers | 2                      |
| Student                     | 4                      |
| Organizations               | 1                      |
| <b>Total Members</b>        | <b>133</b>             |
|                             |                        |
| Canadian                    | 119                    |
| American                    | 14                     |
|                             |                        |

*By: Barb Scott*