



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Sept 20, 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		N
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

- None.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add discussion on “Active Transportation”

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES

MOTION: To accept June 05, 2018 Minutes as submitted with the inclusion of Attachments A (Treasurer’s Report) and B (Membership Report) Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Bill. **Motion carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Milkweed Protection (St. Joe’s Island) results
- Success protecting Milkweeds,
 - not many Monarch butterflies visible, but a few larvae observed
 - Not a lot of sign of browsing by Monarch caterpillars
 - Good size plants in ditch, younger/smaller plants nearer road.
 - A lot of Milkweed in fields and along roads.

MOTION: Ron to contact Jocelyn Township, Hilton Township and MTO to thank them for not mowing milkweed in these areas and ask them for continued support. Proposed by Chuck, seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

- b) Creek Revitalization Meeting Results
 - Meetings are discouraging; since CA is focusing on flood mandate. An Engineering study is needed to assess the impact of new vegetation on water flow prior to proceeding with naturalization of the creek ways. CA does not have funding for such a study this year.
 - CA repeated commitment to do some tree planting in two locations (Base Line west of Allen Side Rd and Goulais Avenue near Korah Avenue)
 - City to provide names of two land owners who need to be approached if a trail is to be built behind Korah Collegiate
 - City has an Environmental Advisory Committee, Chair is David Nanang (GLFC); another potential contact and ally
- c) Hub Trail Fest
 - July 1st. Thanks to Chuck and Ron for manning the station. The event was good public relations for our club.
- b. Fort St Joe's Bird Check List
 - Parks Canada likes the list. List is being used by visitors to the park.

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
 - See Attachment "A"
- Outing-Chair
 - No volunteer have come forward to help with outings.
 - Need to get ideas for winter outings collectively; input from all executive.
 - Need to start creating winter list in November.
 - This fall Jeff and Ron's outings are switching dates
 - Discussion on road access for Hike to the Achigan Forest; reminder to contact Dave Euler prior to outing (Sept 29).
- Programs (Chuck) –
 - Septembers, drones for wildlife management attracted some Media interest, but no story yet.
 - In October, Peter Tonazzo will talk on the city's planning process, "Shape the Soo", with emphasis on the environmental components.
 - New speaker will be contacted to talk on Biodiversity in Ste. Mary's River.
 - Some discussion around Dec 11, 2018 Program. Maybe earlier, 6:30 PM start. A potential scheduling conflict at Bayliss Library. Maybe move to GLFRC or Move to the 4th and switch with executive meeting. Chuck to recommend best solution.
 - The Executive suggested quotes be obtained from Grand Gardens Dennis St. and Soo College for AGM.
 - The Executive approved the date of February 12 2019 for the AGM

MOTION: To accept the draft program agenda as presented by Chuck was made by Angela and seconded by Carter. **Carried**

- Membership Report (Barb)
 - No update as Barb is away until mid-October.
- Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
 - Committee input to Algoma's Forest Management Plan at the Forest Benefits meeting
 - waiting for next stage in review process, Future Forest Direction
 - EAC requested planners to model for Additional Species at Risk. This request was denied by the District Manager.
 - Ministry handles Species at Risk through Areas of Concern. But this is difficult as a specific breeding-ground (e.g. Nest) has to be documented to qualify as an AOC
 - Bill's group to meet Monday (Sept 24) to decide if they are bumping this request for modelling up to the Regional Director level or some other approach.

MOTION: Ron to send a request to Ontario Nature about enhancing the FMP process to look at additional Species at Risk. Motion by Bill and seconded by Chuck. **Carried.**

- Ontario Nature (Carrie)
 - No report
 - Invoice not yet received
 - Chris has registered for Youth Summit.
 - Upcoming Conference call for Northern Meeting TBD
- Local Citizen's Committee Forest Management (Mark)
 - No report.
- S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
 - Potential for City to host a Bicycle Friendly Meeting in 2019 was discussed
 - More impact /action is desired by STAC, there appears to be a lull in activity by the City,
 - Proposal to reduce Bay Street to two lanes with Bike trail(s) in 2019 is being developed, but will be contingent on whether Queen St business district remains one-way or becomes two-way traffic.
- Social Media (Carter)
 - New Likes on Facebook
 - 476 people follow us.
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- Publicity ()
 - No activity.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Duck Feeding Sign
 - A mystery. No feedback from City. It appears the Parks Department is ducking the issue.
- b) Stream Assessment project with Sault College
 - No firm plans, still potential
- c) Do we need Bike Protocol for club outings?
 - Who goes ahead when car is approaching / overtaking?
 - Need to Indicate stopping
 - Helmets mandatory
 - Suggestion to look for existing protocols and adopt it to the club

7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- none

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Letter of support for Three Shores CISMA.
 - Sent by Ron.
- b) Aquatic Invasive Species mapping
 - Soo Nats attended Workshop and helped map Frog-Bit
 - Members on Outings are encouraged to ID Invasive Species.
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- c) Projects with MNRF
 - We were waiting for ideas.
 - MNRF was waiting for us to come up with project proposals.
 - From April 24th, 2018
 - i. Fresh water mussels survey
 - ii. Bumble Bee Inventory
 - iii. Wetland Evaluation
 - iv. Nine Spotted Lady Beetle
 - v. Song monitors on Gibboney lake
 - vi. Bog Bean Moth

vii. Goulais River Fens

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d) Active Transportation

- A question is being proposed to all candidates in the city election.
- “What would you do to promote active transportation in Sault Ste. Marie”
- Answers are going to be compiled on Facebook page.
- A request was made to Sault Naturalists and other groups to put their name behind the question.
- The Executive decided it would be appropriate to direct our membership to the results of the survey, but not to “sponsor” the question. Soo Nats does not have any direct control of wording of question or how the replies will be organized.

9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Sabine’s Gull in Thessalon
- Solitary Sandpipers at Fort Creek
- A number of bears were spotted.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Carter. Second by Bil. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting October 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry

ATTACHMENT "A" TREASURER'S REPORT

Canadian Account

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
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
31-May	Memberships	195.00	4,178.99
05-Jun	Bird Checklist printing	-91.53	4,087.46
20-Sept	Presidents Expenses	-12.43	
	Platform repair lunches	-90.97	
	Garlic Pull	-31.01	4,563.48
20-Sept	Donation	50.00	
	Memberships	90.00	4,703.48

GICs

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

Platform Funds (in C\$ chequing acct) 959.94

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
Net	-300.70

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
Net		-45.40