



## Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – November 14, 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	Y	
Bill Meades, Environmental Action	Y	
Jeff Robinson, Archives	Y	
Barb Scott, Membership	Y	
Val Walker,		N

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- None.

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### 2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None.

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

**MOTION:** To accept October 02, 2018 Minutes as submitted. Proposed by Carter and seconded by Bill. **Motion carried.**

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### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Duck Feeding Sign

- Installed without suggested changes.
- 2 double sided signs in Bellevue Park.
- Talk of proposing other locations.
- Ron will attempt to contact Parks Canada and Station Mall to judge interest.

b) Group Biking Guidelines

- Draft provided by Chuck in an e-mail.

**MOTION:** To adopt the Cycle Outing Guidelines as submitted (see Attachment "C"). Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Jerry. **Motion carried.**

- Incorporate these guidelines into Spring /Summer outings list and share with members.

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## 5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
- See Attachment "A"
  - Our bank in the US, Huntington Bank, asked us to provide a tax ID number. Social clubs in the US are required to have a tax ID number and to file an annual tax return, although an organization our size would not have to pay taxes. To file a tax return in the US we would probably have to file one in Canada also. It would be a complication and we might need to hire an accountant, at least for the first year.
  - Since the Sault Naturalists is legally domiciled in Canada and most of its revenue and activity is in Canada, it was recommended that we close the account in the US and open a US dollar account at the CIBC In Sault Ontario.

**MOTION:** To close US Bank account and to open a USD account at the club's Canadian Bank. Proposed by Angela and seconded by Jeff. **Motion carried.**

- Discussed e-transfer and whether we need PayPal for our US Members?

- b) Outings-Chair
- Winter plan is due; this will be the number 1 Agenda item for December meeting
  - Need outing leaders... not necessarily expert. Ron to remind Membership that they can lead without being an expert.
  - Each Executive to think of possible outing for January to March 2019
  - Reminder from October Minutes
    - To keep outings going need:
      - A few volunteers to form an outings committee
      - With a committee may be able to get Education/Subject Matter Experts as outings leaders.
    - Executive to e-mail Val with our suggestions for volunteers and additional outings
- c) Programs (Chuck) –
- December 11 at Bayliss 6:30 PM start; poster is drafted
  - Jan/Feb/ planned
  - March is vacant; looking for ideas
  - April /May/June planned
  - Picked menu items for AGM.
- d) Membership Report (Barb)
- See Attachment "B"...

- New Members are signing up for 2019...
- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
- Met with MNRF Region
  - Requested considering 8 birds on Species at Risk list in Forest Management Plan modelling
  - Awaiting response (2-3 weeks)
- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie)
- Invoice received for Student's Fees at Environmental Summit
  - Oct 3rd Northern Ontario Conference call
    - Protecting 17% still a priority
    - Giving Tuesday discussed some fund matching
    - ON reptile survey, now has an education module
    - May 10-12 is Northern Ontario Annual meeting. to be hosted at Laurentian U, by Sudbury Naturalists and Junction Creek Stewardship Committee
    - Trout release planned for Junction Creek and Wolf Lake to be discussed at meeting.
- g) Local Citizen's Committee Forest Management (Mark)
- Meeting last week
  - Astina Corp building Maple Water plant near Harmony Beach just east of highway 17.
  - The City's [Future SSM](#) project is being led by Traverse Andersen; something we may want to engage in.
  - Feb/March 2019 is projected date for Open House for Forest Management Plan.
  - Minister round table to attract investment in Forest Industry was held in SSM.
  - Jeff Hinch could not discuss Soo Nat's Forest Management plan proposal, but Mark could; LCC was very interested in Soo Nat's proposal.
- h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
- Meetings now occurring more regularly.
  - Since Donna Hilsinger is now a City Councilor; they need a new chair.
  - City approved an RFP for a trial bike share.
- i) Social Media (Carter)
- White deer photos are popular.
  - Christmas Bird counters are being successfully recruited on Facebook (CBC is Dec 15, 2018).
  - Nearing 700 likes.
- j) Publicity ()
- No activity.

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## 6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Milkweed Survey 2019 (St Joe's Island protected areas)
  - No discussion.
- b) Stream Assessment project with Sault College
  - No firm plans, still potential

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## 7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- None

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## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Nomination Committee for February elections
  - All four board positions are to be elected this AGM
  - Executive are the nomination committee...
- b) Wiki Administrator Change
  - John Lehman requested playing a lesser role over a year ago.
  - Ron volunteered to take lead on club's Wiki/Website.
- c) MNRF Project Meeting
  - Nov 29 1:30 PM Café Natura.
  - all welcome to attend.
- d) Flickr
  - Flickr is limiting users to 1,000 photos.
  - To get access to store an unlimited number of photos will cost \$50.00 per year (less for first year).

**MOTION:** Approve Val to start a subscription to Flickr Pro, so Sault Naturalist photos are not lost. Moved by Jeff. Seconded by Angela. **Motion carried.**

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## 9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Bald Eagle over river.

- Bear cub in apple tree and Elk seen in Watson Rd area

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Carter. Seconded by Mark. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Jerry*

## ATTACHMENT "A" TREASURER'S REPORT

### November 2018 Treasurer's Report

Month	Memberships	Donations	President	Insurance	Bank Charges	Bird Checklist	Misc	Month End Balance	Dragonfly Project	AGM
January	110				(5)		-	4,799	874	
February	2,140		(41)	(1,405)	(194)	(24)	(221)	5,424		370
March		255			(6)			5,674		
April	180				(6)		(100)	6,363	615	
May	310	93	(79)		(6)			4,971	(1,454)	(255)
June					(8)	(92)		4,872		
July					(4)			4,868		
August					(4)			4,864		
September	90	50	(12)		(5)		(131)	4,855		
October					(4)			4,851		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>(133)</b>	<b>(1,405)</b>	<b>(240)</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>(452)</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>115</b>

#### Other Accounts

GIC 1 \$4,062.48 Jan 2019  
 GIC 2 \$4,195.33 Jun 2019  
 US Account USD 992.21

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**ATTACHMENT “B” MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Sault Naturalists Membership Report  
November 2018**

	Total # Memberships
Individual	52
Family	48
Life	23
Complimentary - Seniors	6
Complimentary - Speakers	2
Student	4
Organizations	1
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>136</b>
Canadian	123
American	14



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## Cycling Group Rides Guidelines

- **Watch out for Your Fellow Cyclist** before, during and after the ride.
- **Be Predictable** – Group riding requires even more attention to predictability than riding alone. Other riders expect you to ride straight, at a constant speed, unless you indicate differently.
- **Change Positions Correctly** – Generally, slow traffic stays right, so you should try to pass others on their left. Say “on your left” to warn the cyclist ahead that you are passing. **DO NOT PASS ON THE RIGHT.**
- **Watch Out at Intersections (1)** – When approaching intersections requiring vehicles to yield or stop, signal your intention with hand and verbal signals. Call out “slowing” or “stopping” to alert those behind to the change in speed.
- **Watch Out at Intersections (2)** remember each cyclist is responsible for verifying that there is no approaching traffic before entering the intersection.
- **Communicate with the Group** – Use hand and verbal signals to communicate with members of the group and with other traffic.
- **Hand Signals** – Hand signals for turning and stopping are as follows: Left arm straight out to signal a left turn. Left arm out and down with you palm to the rear to signal slowing or stopping. And, for a right turn, put your right arm straight out.
- **Warning for Traffic** – Use the warning “Car back” to inform the others of a car approaching from the rear. Use the warning “Car up” on a narrow road to warn following riders of approaching traffic.
- **Leave A Gap for Cars** – When riding up hills or on narrow roads where you are impeding faster traffic, leave a gap for cars between every three or four bicycles.
- **Wait at Turns** – If the group becomes separated, someone should wait at the turn until the next rider arrives at the intersection, and so on until all riders have made the turn.
- **Move Off the Road When You Stop** – Move well off the road so you don’t interfere with traffic. As a courtesy the last cyclist in controls when the group will restart.
- **Riding Two Abreast** – Ride single file or double file as appropriate to the roadway and traffic conditions and where allowed by law. Single up when cars are trying to pass. To single up, the outside cyclist goes ahead and the cyclist closest to the shoulder of the road goes behind.
- **Safety Equipment** - Wear a bicycle helmet and visible clothing.
- **Emergency Equipment** - In the group bring a first aid kit, a tube repair kit and a reinflation device.
- **Respect and Courtesy** - It is expected that cyclists attending group rides will respect the work and effort of the ride leader and their fellow cyclist by following planned routes and maintaining a pace suitable to all participants.