



## Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2019

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, LCC		N
Bill Meades, Environmental Action	Y	
Jeff Robinson, Archives	Y	
Barb Scott, Membership	Y	
Val Walker,	Y	
Dave Euler, Guest	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- Dave Euler is a past President and welcomed guest.

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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 December 4, 2018 Minutes as corrected. Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Barb. **Motion carried.**

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### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Nominations for elected positions
  - The position of president is open; executive to search for nominees.
  - The incumbent Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary have also each agreed to stand for re-election.
- b) Ontario Environmental Plan –Response
  - The document “Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan” is available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario [ERO 013-4208](#)

- Chuck summarized the report.
- Comments are accepted on the ERO until January 29, 2019.
- Each executive and member is encouraged to comment directly at the [ERO site](#)

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## 5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
- The December Expenses were shared before the meeting (Attachment "A")
  - Will pay Bayliss Library 100 USD for 2018 and will budget 100 USD for 2019
  - Budget for 2019 was reviewed line by line.
  - Angela to share the revised budget with Executive. (Done see Attachment "B").
  - Focus on Membership and annual Operations. Keep platform funds, project funding and capital funds separate.

**MOTION:** To approve the revised budget. Proposed by Angela and seconded by Jeff. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** To approve the monthly expenditures report. Proposed by Angela and seconded by Carrie. **Motion carried.**

- b) Outings - Val
- Winter outings list went out in December.
  - Executive committee helped, but is there a better way to organize outings? Desire to source out external leaders. Agreed to set up a sub-committee to do leg work and research for outings.
  - Carter up next with a hike at Kensington Conservation.
- c) Programs (Chuck) –
- Tickets for AGM were distributed to sellers
  - February 6 last day of sales.
  - No tickets at door.
  - Sellers are advised to check Chuck's list for full rules.
  - Ron to run elections and to MC at AGM meeting.

- d) Membership Report (Barb)
  - No report summary
  - 1 new and 1 life member.
  - Membership renewals are also coming in.
  - e-deposit is working well.
  - Electronic PDF form for membership is drafted and will be sent to Exec and posted online.
  
- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
  - Ron read Mark's update from the Ministry's Local Citizen Committee. The LCC members offered some ideas on how the club could input on species at risk. Mark concluded the LCC was not the best forum to get modelling for species at risk included in the Algoma forest management plan
  - Algoma forest management planning documents to be released in January for review.
  
- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie)
  - Ontario's Environmental Bill or Rights registry is now named the Environmental Registry of Ontario.
  - Bill 66: Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018 is up for review until January 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Ontario Nature is concerned that this streamlining of regulations will allow for encroachment and development on previously protected areas (e.g. Newmarket and Oak Ridges moraine).
  - Executive are encouraged to review and comment. [ERO 013 4293](#)
  
- g) Local Citizen's Committee Forest Management (Mark)
  - See Environmental Action Committee
  
- h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
  - STAC is updating its terms of reference.
  - Is reviewing "Mobility Playbook" for Red Deer Alberta; which is a similar sized community to Sault Ste. Marie.
  - Media is reporting there were no replies to the City's call for proposals on Bike Sharing.
  
- i) Social Media (Carter)
  - no report
  - helpful to enlist public for bird feeder watch
  
- 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.
- c) Duck Signs; Whitefish Island, Station Mall
  - No action yet.
- d) Wiki Maintenance
  - Ron now leader on maintaining website.
  - Jerry to suggest sections of Website to delete and to share suggestion with Executive.
- e) Annual Report
  - Ron thanked Executive who have provided content for the Annual Report

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## 7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- None

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## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- None

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## 9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- None.

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

Next Meetings are Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the Executive and February 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 for the AGM dinner meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Jerry*

## ATTACHMENT “A” Monthly Treasurer’s Report

### December 2018 Treasurer’s Report

Month	Member-ships	Donations	Outings	President	Insur	Bank	Ontario Nature	Bird Checklist	Facebook	Misc	Month End Balance
January	110					(5)				-	4,799
February	2,140			(41)	(1,405)	(194)		(24)		(221)	5,424
March		255				(6)					5,674
April	180					(6)				(100)	6,363
May	310	93		(79)		(6)					4,971
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
November	75		(41)	(20)		(4)	(515)		(50)		4,296
December	110		(50)			(4)					4,352
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>(91)</b>	<b>(153)</b>	<b>(1,405)</b>	<b>(249)</b>	<b>(515)</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>(452)</b>	

#### Other Accounts

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

Month	Dragonfly Project	AGM
January	874	
February		370
March		
April	615	
May	(1,454)	(255)
	<b>35</b>	<b>115</b>

# ATTACHMENT “B” 2019 Budget

Sault Naturalists

2019 Budget

Category	2017 Budget	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget	2018 Actuals	2019 Budget	Notes
<b>Memberships</b>	3,338	3,086	2,950	2,990	3,068	
<b>Donations</b>		525		536		
President	(100)	(81)	(100)	(153)	(160)	
Environmental Action	(50)					
Membership Committee	(140)					
Outings	(50)		(20)	(92)	(100)	
Programs	(50)		(150)			
Secretary	(50)		-			
Treasurer	(20)		(20)	-		
Printed Newsletters	(150)	(79)	(100)	(10)	-	
Insurance	(1,517)	(1,405)	(1,405)	(1,405)	(1,405)	
PO Box Rental	(176)	(198)	(188)	(188)	(190)	
Bank Charges	(65)	(55)	(70)	(244)	(75)	
Facebook Publicity			(100)	(50)	(50)	
Annual Report					(250)	
Ontario Nature Membership	(165)	(165)	(165)	(165)	(165)	
Ontario Nature Conference	(250)	-	(250)		(250)	
Youth Environmental Summit	(350)	(350)	(550)	(350)	(575)	
Hub Trail	-	(180)	(50)	(31)	(50)	
Science Fest North		-	(50)		(50)	
Rotary Science Fest	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	
Bayliss Donation	(130)		(130)		(130)	USD\$100
Misc	(200)		(200)	(100)	(200)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>(226)</b>		<b>(698)</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>(682)</b>	
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>			<b>(698)</b>		<b>(682)</b>	