



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – February 5, 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		N
Mark Harvey, LCC		N
Bill Meades, Environmental Action	Y	
Jeff Robinson, Archives	Y	
Barb Scott, Membership	Y	
Val Walker, Outings	Y	
Dave Euler, Guest	Y	

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

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- Dave Euler

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Corporate Profile Report advisable for Corporation; Chuck in “New Business”

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES

MOTION: To accept January 09, 2019 Minutes as corrected. Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Bill. **Motion carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Annual Report
 - Thanks to all contributors
 - Thanks to Carter for edits.
 - Still some format edits (Val/Ron)
 - Discussion on number of copies required.
 - Okay with 25 in colour copies once edits complete.

- b) Nominations for elected positions
 - Dave standing for election to President.
 - All other executive agreed to stand for re-election
 - There will be a general request to the members at the AGM for additional nominations.

- c) Update on Bill 66 Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan
 - The Ontario Government has removed Section 10 from Bill 66; therefore the threat to erode the greenbelt around Toronto have been removed.
 - Ontario Nature thanked the Ontario Government for this amendment (the Sault Naturalists participated in the objection and thanks)

- d) Wiki sub-committee.
 - Ron requested help; Carter, Angela, and Jerry agreed to help.
 - Ron to arrange first meeting.

- e) SSMCA meeting; tree planting project.
 - Ron meeting on Thursday at 10 AM at SSMRCA offices on Fifth Line.

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
 - See (Attachment "A")
 - Some memberships coming in.
 - No expenditures in January but large expenses forecast for February (e.g. AGM, Insurance and postal box).

- b) Outings-Val
 - No formalization of Sub-committee yet.
 - Barb agreed to help.
 - Ron to request volunteers at AGM

 - Block 705 cutover trip is this coming weekend

- c) Programs (Chuck) –
 - Chuck went through list of who is doing what at AGM.

MOTION: To cut a check to cafeteria manager so he can distribute 12% tip to his staff.
 Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Angela. **Motion carried.**

- Thanks to all who have helped for AGM

- Have a presenter for March Nick Cassel on Invasive Species in Michigan.
- d) Membership Report (Barb)
- Attachment “B”.
 - Membership renewals are coming in; will setup at AGM to take memberships.
- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
- Algoma Forest Management Plan’s Objectives document has been published for review.
 - A draft reply was prepared and circulated, The summary is noted below:
 - The Long Term Management Direction (LTMD) released by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has many notable and excellent objectives. The overall commitment to work towards creating a forest much like the forest that would occur in the absence of human management is very laudable. The objective for biodiversity conservation is also a worthy objective and can be commended. Our major concern about the LTMD is the absence of a commitment to Species at Risk as defined in the Endangered Species Act for Ontario and the Species at Risk Act of the Federal Government. Also lacking (or at least not identified in the LTMD) is any comprehensive strategy to monitor the impacts of harvesting on Species at Risk.
 - Ron to forward full reply to the Ministry/Industry planning team.
- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie/ Ron)
- Ron reminded to promote youth Summit at AGM
 - Carrie please inquire: Still need to know if US students are eligible for Summit
 - Barb raised question of how we input to South of Border environmental issues.
 - Discussed, but no specific actions.
 - Reminder of May 10 “Northern Gathering” a regional meeting of Ontario Nature in Sudbury
- g) Local Citizen’s Committee (Mark)
- none
- h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
- STAC is updating its terms of reference and adding reps from AU and Sault College
 - Planning to report annually to city council.

- i) Social Media (Carter)
 - Posted AGM information
 - Posting Outings and Photos
 - Article “[Something to Tweet About](#)” appeared in the Sault Star.
- j) Publicity ()
 - No activity.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Milkweed Survey 2019 (St Joe’s Island protected areas)
 - Ongoing interest in Monarchs as demonstrated by [news from Mexico on increased area occupied by returning migrants Monarchs](#)
- b) Stream Assessment project with Sault College
 - Still potential in Summer
 - Need to decide which head waters and then simple discharge measurements.
- c) Duck Signs; Whitefish Island, Station Mall
 - No action yet.
- d) Projects
 - Uncertainty re who Ministry office is currently leading Parks issues and Species at Risk is putting a hold on pursuing projects.
 - Peggy from MNRF is to be invited to describe who does what, once Ontario reorganization is complete.

7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- New Executive must be listed on corporation registry. Changes are made via a Form 1. Chuck recommended obtaining a Corporate Profile Report for \$12, before making changes.
- Chuck will provide address/URL to Ron

9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- None.

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

Next Meetings are Tuesday March 5th, 2019 for the Executive

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry

ATTACHMENT “A” Monthly Treasurer’s Report

February 2019 Treasurer's Report

Month	Member-ships	Donations	Outings	President	Insur-ance	Bank	Month End Balance
January	690	5				(5)	5,086
February	530		(7)	(22)			5,559
Total	1,220	5	(7)	(22)	-	(5)	

Other Accounts

GIC 1 \$4,062.48 Jan 2019
 GIC 2 \$4,195.33 Jun 2019
 US Account USD 927.21

Month	AGM
January	
February	(28)
March	
April	
May	

ATTACHMENT “B” Membership Report

Memberships
as of February 1, 2019

Category	2018	2019
Life	23	22
Individual	55	22
Family	49	21
Students	4	0
Total	131	65
