



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2019

The meeting was held at the Civic Centre, Sault Ste. Marie Ontario

Member	Present	Regrets
Dave Euler, President	Y	
Chuck Miller, vice President, Trails and Programs	Y	
Angela Henley, Treasurer	Y	
Jerry Kroetsch, Secretary	Y	
Ron Prickett, Past President, Wiki Editor	Y	
Carter Dorscht, Social Media	Y	
Carrie Ginou, Ontario Nature		N
Mark Harvey, LCC	Y	
Bill Meades, Environmental Action	Y	
Jeff Robinson, Archives		N
Barb Scott, Membership	Y	
Val Walker, Outings	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- none

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Passing of Jeff Lange
 - Jeff Lange of Alanson Michigan passed away February 26, 2019 ([Link](#))
 - Sault Naturalists will remember him as our April 2018 presenter of the film “The Dance of the Sandhill Crane” and as our proposed presenter for our April 2019 meeting.
 - Chuck has sent condolences to his partner and will accept the offer to allow Jeff’s documentary “The Uncommon Loon” to be shown in April.

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES

MOTION: To accept February 05, 2019 Minutes. Proposed by Val and seconded by Chuck. **Motion carried.**

MOTION: To accept minutes of the February 13, 2019 Annual General Meeting as revised “Treasurer”. Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Angela. **Motion carried**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Wiki sub-committee (Ron, Carter, Angela, and Jerry).
 - Ron to arrange first meeting.
 - No activity yet.

- b) SSMCA meeting; tree planting project.
 - Ron met with CA
 - CA identified area to plant (adjacent to gas line easement near intersection of Korah Rd and Goulais Avenue)
 - Given map of area to plant from City as well (along Center Creek)
 - Elisa Muto teaches course on Naturalization; interested in helping with planning of plant.
 - Sault College has some available nursery stock.

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
 - See (Attachment "A")
 - Projecting a \$400.00 net from AGM; mainly the auction
 - Need to change signing Authority.

- b) Outings-Val
 - Outings are planned to end of April
 - Need to start planning Spring/Summer outings. Dave to repeat request for volunteers to help Val
 - Chuck leading outing to Byrnes Lake this weekend

- c) Programs (Chuck) –
 - March 12 Nick Cassel on Invasive Species in UP Michigan.
 - Meeting in April and May to plan September

- d) Membership Report (Barb)
 - Attachment "B".
 - Sent reminders to those that have not renewed
 - 39 entities not renewed at this time
 - Barb will bring names of non-renewed folks to next meeting

- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
 - Response from OMNRF on our response to Long Term Direction in Algoma's Forest Management Plan
 - Species at risk monitoring is still not part of the Forest Management Plan

- Ministry indicated harvesting will be allowed in 85% of riparian zones along streams to help emulate natural disturbance
 - April 16 in Wawa and April 17 in SSM are the dates for the public Open House for Algoma Forest Management Plan.
 - Discussion about how to archive club's input to Algoma FMP
- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie/ Ron)
- Yes US students can qualify/participate in the Youth Summit.
 - Still time to nominate students for September's summit
 - Reminder of May 10 "Northern Gathering" a regional meeting of Ontario Nature in Sudbury Ron and Val, and possibly Mark Harvey may attend
- g) Local Citizen's Committee (Mark)
- Sustainable Forest License (SFL) Annual Work Schedule is available. Little silvicultural activity is planned. Some herbicide spraying to release conifers (10 - 12 blocks to total 350 ha)
 - SFL is harvesting way below their annual allowable cut, cutting is occurring immediately North of Sault Ste. Marie but very little cutting near Wawa
 - There is a cut planned near piceatum.
 - Block 705
 - A member of the LCC is concerned with a cutting operation near his cross country skiing trails.
 - Some other recreation users also concerned.
 - SFL plan author is writing one of his first plans.
 - SFL open house on April 16 in Wawa and April 17 at the Water Tower Inn (3PM to 7PM).
- h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
- Monthly Meeting
 - STAC wrote a letter to City to request involvement prior to detailed design of roads; e.g. Bay Street and Northern Avenue
 - Plan to add Bike Lanes and Bike Boxes (for safer turns)
- i) Social Media (Carter)
- Getting messages asking for participation; forwarded to Dave.
 - Land Inventory Ontario data on waterfowl areas has gaps. Carter to follow up with OMNRF; Carter, Dave and Val and a few others will attend a meeting with MNRF .to review the data available and consider how to add to the data base

- j) Publicity ()
 - No activity.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Milkweed Survey 2019 (St Joe's Island protected areas)
 - Dave suggestion to build "Pupatoriums" as an advertised activity /outing. Good support from Executive
 - Uncut area survey Val to come forward with an approach
 - Could encourage city to plant more butterfly friendly plants.

- b) Stream Assessment project with Sault College
 - Not much interaction. Ryan looking for direction prior to planning assessments
 - Still potential in Summer

- c) Duck Signs; Whitefish Island, Station Mall
 - No action yet.

- d) Projects/ Information to Executive
 - Peggy from MNRF is to be invited to describe who does what, once Ontario reorganization is complete.

- e) Science Festival
 - Ron and Val to attend; need help. Machine Shop. April 22 to 27, 2019. Dave to confirm interest in members helping and complete application
 - Last year they also gave out Sault College trees.

7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- April 5, 6, 7 School Science Fair, not a lot of Natural Science always looking for Judges.

- Input to Environmental Registry. Dave to explain to membership at next program meeting how to view and review.

- Sustain Algoma Expo invite to Sault Naturalists to attend. Deadline is April 30th. Event is June 1st, 2018 Bill to take the lead in setting this up

MOTION: to participate in Sustainable Algoma Expo by Barb, Seconded by Angel. **Carried**

- Raptor Fest in Mackinaw is April 5, 6, 7. Registration is open ([link](#))

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **Survey of Members** on interest and use of Facebook our Wiki website.
- Include general question about which social media members use.
- Jerry to draft Survey Monkey
- Add read receipts to survey; see how many people are reading emails.

- 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 provided address/URL. Angela to provide incorporation number and date of incorporation. Dave to carry the process forward and complete the appropriate forms.

- Jerry to update Executive names on Wiki (done)

9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Barred Owl, Dave, this afternoon
- Barred Owl, Mark, today
- Winged marks on Snow (Val).
- Red Neck Grebe seen (Carter). about a month earlier than expected.
- Crows migrating North now (Carter).

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Angela. Seconded by Jerry. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting is Tuesday April 2nd 2019 for the Executive

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry

ATTACHMENT “A” Monthly Treasurer’s Report

As of March 4, 2019

Canadian Account									
Month	Memberships	Donations	President	Outings	Insurance	PO Box	Bank Charges	AGM	Balance
Jan	690	5	-	-	-	-	(5)	-	
Feb	1,915	-	(32)	(7)	(1,433)	(191)	-	581	
US Dollar Account									
11/19/2018	Transfer	992.21	992.21						
11/30/2018	Bank fees	(7.47)	984.74						
12/30/2018	Bank fees	(6.00)	978.74						
1/31/2019	Bank fees	(6.00)	972.74						
2/16/2019	Bayliss Library	(200.00)	772.74						
2/28/2019	Bank fees	(6.00)	766.74						
3/5/2019	Membership	35.00	801.74						
3/5/2019	AGM SA	22.50	824.24						

ATTACHMENT “B” Membership Report

Memberships as of March 3, 2019		
Category	2019	# Unrenewed
Life	24	
Individual	57	19
Family	48	18
Students	5	2
Organization	1	0
Totals	134	39