



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – April 2, 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		N
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	Y	
Barb Scott, Membership	Y	
Val Walker, Outings	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- none

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- none

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

MOTION: To accept March 05, 2019 Minutes. Proposed by Barb and seconded by Jeff
Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Wiki sub-committee (Ron, Carter, Angela, and Jerry).
 - First meeting was today.
 - Very productive, some culling
 - Eventually move to a new platform.
 - Bring forward in September 2019.
- SSMCA meeting; tree planting project.

- 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 in Urban Environments; interested in helping with planning of plant. More interested in southern block as it is closer to the scale her students typically work on. Her course starts in September; students will have suggestions in December 2019.
- Sault College has some available nursery stock.
- Some ideas on sources of trees.
- Bring forward in December, 2019

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)
 - Still need to change signing Authority.
- b) Outings-Val
 - Rene, Barb, Dave and Val met
 - May and June drafted. July and August nearly complete.
 - Making good progress.
- c) Programs (Chuck) –
 - Bayliss next week. Jeff Lange film.
 - Need committee to meet soon to plan next Fall and Winter presentations
 - Chuck/Bill to reserve GLFC for May June etc.
- d) Membership Report (Barb)
 - No summary update
 - Barb went over list of nonrenewals. Various Exec asked to contact non-renewals; with gentle reminders.
- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
 - The public Open House for Algoma Forest Management Plan is scheduled for April 17 at the Water Tower.
- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie/ Ron)
 - Still time to nominate students for September's Youth summit
 - Carter to advertise opportunity on Facebook page
 - 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)

- SFL open house for the Forest Management plan on April 17 at the Water Tower Inn (3PM to 7PM).
- h) S.S.M. Trails Advisory Committee (Chuck)
 - Nothing new to report
 - i) Social Media (Carter)
 - No update
 - j) Secretary
 - Please see Attachment “A”, the minutes from member’s business meeting on March 9, 2019
 - k) Publicity ()
 - No activity.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Milkweed Survey 2019 (St Joe’s Island protected areas)
 - Two survey protocols introduced.
 - Favors Monarch Larvae [survey](#) by the [Monarch Joint Integrate Project](#).
 - Val to take a closer look at survey options for May meeting
 - Ron/Val to requested members who may be interested in doing survey to come forward.
- b) Stream Assessment project with Sault College
 - Not much interaction.
- c) Duck Signs; Whitefish Island, Station Mall
 - No action yet.
 - Carter to ask Parks Canada if they are interested.
- 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
 - Application submitted
 - Ron and Val to attend; need help. Machine Shop. April 22 to 27, 2019. Dave to confirm interest in members helping.
 - Last year they also gave out Sault College trees.

7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- Sustain Algoma Expo invite to Sault Naturalists to attend. Deadline is April 30th. Event is June 1st, 2018. Some suggestions for display or activities

- i. Display on Monarchs
 - ii. Display on invasive European frogbit
 - iii. Dust off our Dragon Fly display.
 - iv. Give away brochures, magnets,
 - v. Some activity for kids. Use a computer to do a Bird audio/picture activity.
- Give away temporary tattoo. Have them build Bee condos (using reeds and other natural materials).
- Required funds to be identified by next year.
- Bill Meades to coordinate.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Gary Rahn's Award

- Angela/Jerry check to ensure the **Rotary Science Fair** gets a check for the Gary Rahn Memorial Awards. (two \$50.00 awards)

Survey of Members on interest and use of Facebook our Wiki website.

- Low use of wiki, carry on WIKI, website, Facebook current actions.
- Good discussion on Survey of Members
- New Executive must be listed on **corporation registry**.
 1. Letter submitted by Dave to Ministry of Government Services requesting a corporate profile report.
- US Forest Service is planning extensive work in the [Hiawatha Forest](#). Including
 - i. Timber Harvest.
 - ii. Prescribed Burning.
 - iii. Expand Kirkland Warbler Habitat.
 - iv. Road Closure.
 - v. Repairs to horse trails
- Hiawatha Forest has 67 page EA. Sierra Club liked it.
- Barb recommended nothing controversial that needs our input.
- Barb agreed to monitor the situation.
- Kirkland Warbler coming off endangered species list to Threatened

The Great Canadian Birdathon (Carter)

- Push at meeting to members.
- Raise money for Bird Conservation
- Carter and his Dad a team.
- Carter to send out information to Executive.

Ebird Global Big Day May 4, 2019. World Migratory Bird Day, May 11- Nature Canada

- Carter has a birding outing for May 4th

9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Nature Conservancy of Canada bought more land on Cockburn Island.
- Western Meadow Lark in Desbarats.
- 14 Bald Eagles on Batchewana Bay
- Geese back, cranes back

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

Next Meeting is Tuesday May 7th 2019 for the Executive

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry



**Sault Naturalists Meeting Minutes;
Business of the Members,
March 12, 2019 Program Meeting
Bayliss Library, SSM, MI**

ATTENDANCE: 18 Members and Guests

The business meeting was called to order after a presentation on Invasive Species

MOTION: To adopt the 2019 Budget as presented (see 2019 01 09 Executive Minutes)

Sponsored Doug McDougall

Seconded by Jeff Robinson

Carried