



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – May 07, 2019

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

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

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

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- Shirley Mantyla attended to assist in minute taking as Jerry was chairing the meeting.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- none

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

MOTION: To accept April 02, 2019 Minutes. Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Bill
Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Science Carnival recap.
 - From Ron...
 - “Great response as usual for our free trees (white spruce supplied by Sault College).
 - Definitely need more help if we are planning to attend year. We were busy wrapping trees for 6 straight hours with no time for breaks.
 - We don't do enough family promoting of our Club too busy wrapping trees.
 - Will mention this again next meeting.”

- b) Sustainable Algoma Expo plans
 - June 1 – 9:00 – 2:00 Arena in Desbarats,
 - Bill, Dave and Val still need to get exhibit / displays/ song computer together
 - Bill, Dave and Val to man the booths.
 - Bill to do organizing via e-mail,
 - Still no firm plans for handouts for kids,

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report (Angela) - regrets
 - She will have full financial report at next meeting.
- b) Outings-Val / Barb
 - Thanks to Renee, Barb, and Val.
 - Outings out to the end of June
 - Good addition of photos to outings list.
 - Any lessons learned?
 - Good to have more people to do the program
 - Scheduling is challenging
 - Club's survey helped, should do the survey annually
 - Rest of the program being worked on a few holes to fill-in.
 - This coming Saturday start time is 8:40 AM, Foster Parkland & Trails Kensington Conservation (option to meet earlier at Wellington Square Mall to car pool)
 - Over twelve outings listed between now and next exec meeting.
- c) Programs (Chuck) –
 - next week at GLFRC – Forest Fire Technology – Josh Johnson
 - Roughed in 10 programs, 4 are booked already, 6 more to fill
 - Jerry to call Taylor Scarr for Nov, or May or June
- d) Membership Report (Barb)

Memberships as of May 6, 2019

Category	2019
Life	24
Individual	60
Family	48
Students	5
Complimentary Seniors	4
Organization	1

Totals 142

- Some successes as renewals continue to trickle in.
 - Wait until Dave is back for Barb to discuss consequences of not renewing.
 - Carrie renewed online; hoping to receive an email notification of payment received (Barb clarified that replying is her practice)
- e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
- Attended April 17th open house for Algoma Forest Management Plan
 - Well attended by general public also
 - Detailed maps of harvest areas
 - Good turnout and good questions; most people were focused on activity in their area of interests, and not the overall health of the ecosystems.
- f) Ontario Nature (Carrie)
- Carrie is back; semester is over, no longer working Tuesday nights
 - Person approached by Dave to attend Youth Summit said No thank you.
 - Carter any feedback to Facebook YS notice? –
 - Carrie interested in how to best address volume of information coming through FON. Who /how to respond of, forward to executive or/and to members?
- g) Local Citizen's Committee (Mark)
- Local Thessalon Native land claim is now publicly being discussed. Some of our outings are lands under claim; this may impact a few outings.
 - At Algoma FMP open house; observed how ministry has moved away from a featured species approach to a landscape modelling approach. Mark is reading the landscape planning manual. It is legislated for use.
- h) S.S.M. Trails Advocacy Committee (Chuck)
- Meeting in April, discussed Active Trail Network including new development proposed around Farmer Lake – will be a challenging trail (officially a Blue Trail by International **Mountain** Bike Trail Association standards)
 - Asked Mayor if STAC can provide input on Northern Ave planned route. Probably next fiscal
 - ½ of Bay St. to be rebuilt in 2019; had no mechanism for input to detail planning.
 - City proposal for bike routes, on Pine, Lake, Willow, Wawanosh, Willoughby, would have to remove street parking
 - Working with Algoma Public Health to record level of “activity” within community.
 - Approve a letter of support for Sault College Waterfront activity center to provide water access
- i) Social Media (Carter)
- No update
- j) Secretary (Jerry)
- No update
- k) Publicity ()

- No activity.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Milkweed Survey 2019 (St Joe's Island protected areas)
 - soon calling for members to express interest to participate in formal survey
 - Monarch conservation June 22 contact Dave (includes outing and building Pupatoriums).
 - Jerry looking for six members to assist in a new Quick Milkweed Monarch Butterfly survey involvement. see Attachment "A"(Questions and methodology proposed by retired entomologist Joe Shorthouse)

7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- a) .

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion how to attract a new VP
 - Duty of VP is to fill in for President when they are away including being an alternate to sign cheques. The role of program coordinator is a separate role.
 - Not mandatory to be VP before running for President.
 - Bring in a "member at large" to observe executive and generate interest.
 - Term is 2 yrs., look at rotating after 2 terms
- b) Platform at Pumpkin Point.
 - Chuck has looked at it, has a significant lean on it,
 - Whose land is it on and what types of permit(s) are required?
 - Probably require engineering drawings for certain height construction.
 - Consider look at repairing it as an alternative to replacing it.
 - First step go to registry office to find out who owns the land,
 - and then go to MNRF to explore options.
 - Chuck to take photos of structure.
- c) Endangered Species Act.
 - Should we send another letter, sign a petition?
 - Should Carrie send / forward petitions out to the membership

Motion: for President to send a formal letter and email membership to encourage them to sign the online petition. Proposed by Jeff and Chuck seconded
- d) Three Shores CISMA to promote our May 25 Garlic Mustard pull
 - Chuck confirmed they are announcing our pull in Sutton Park
- e) Proposed Sandhill Crane hunt in Michigan
 - Barb; senate and house passed a **resolution** encouraging a legalized sandhill crane hunt, (a resolution = good idea), not a bill, no action required yet, but be vigilant.

- While sandhill crane population is not at risk there is some danger in killing whooping cranes that migrate with sandhills.
- Basic question; does society need something else to kill?

9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Gibbony marsh to look for turtles, 9 painted and 1 snapping, no Blanding turtles, A lot of yellow legs.
- Northern flickers nesting in Jeff's backyard, enlarging downy woodpecker's year old nest.
- Wood duck landed in front of Barb.
- lots of ruby crowned kinglets on Whitefish Island last weekend.

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

Next Meeting is Tuesday June 4th 2019 for the Executive

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Mantyla

ATTACHMENT “A” Quick Monarch Milkweed Survey Form



Quick Milkweed Monarch Butterfly Survey

Location:

Describe in detail:

Date of the first monarch to arrive:

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Date of the first shoot of milkweed seen:

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First eggs noticed:

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First full-grown caterpillar:

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First locally raised adult:

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First signs of feeding fall feeding frenzy:

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Instructions:

Please fill in the above information to the best of your ability. Please return to Jerry Kroetsch 705-987-0618, jerry.kroetsch@shaw.ca Secretary of the Sault Naturalists once complete.

In co-operation with:

This survey is being promoted by Joe Shorthouse a retired Laurentian University Entomologist. He is collecting information from Islands across the Great Lakes as part of the Great Lake Islands Alliance, GLIA www.greatlakesislandsalliance.org. . Compiled data will be input to as citizen scientist reports to <https://journeynorth.org> and <https://www.monarchwatch.org>

Resources:

Video showing emerging Milkweed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEVUhhoxYUU>