



## Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – October 01, 2019

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

Member	Present	Regrets
Dave Euler, President	Y	
vacant, Vice President		
Angela Henley, Treasurer	Y	
Jerry Kroetsch, Secretary	Y	
Chuck Miller, Trails and Programs	Y	
Ron Prickett, Past President, Wiki Editor	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, Outings		N

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- Ron introduced Pam Dalseg
- Pam appreciates the club and its activities
- Pam is invited to sit as a member at large on the Executive.

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### 2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Ferrochrome plant to be discussed under Environmental Action Committee.
- Proposed trap rock development and turtle habitat to be discussed under EAC also.

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### 3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

**MOTION:** To accept September 03, 2019 Minutes. Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Barb      **Motion carried.**

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### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Platform report and discussion,
  - Short term repair need for Pumpkin Pt Road (about \$200 for temporary repair)

- Committee is working on full Report
- Costs are going to be high. For Example
- Echo Bay is spending \$77,000 to repair a 1000 foot section of the Loonie Marsh boardwalk.
- The bird watching platform on Lake Street in Echo Bay needs 100 feet of raised boardwalk to be accessible; that alone could be a \$7,000.00 expense. (alternatively could dump loads of gravel to raise path out of water)
- The Pine Street Marina platform is stable. Sign can be replaced \$500
- St Mary Island platform decision,
  - Parks Canada agreed not to tear down immediately
  - work needed on; stair, platform and railing
  - Soo College may be able to do work
  - Parks Canada will asks for a license of occupation for \$100.00 per year on a new structure.
  - Need decision soon whether to repair or inform Parks Canada they can proceed with removal.

**MOTION:** To inform Parks Canada that they can proceed with removal of the platform.  
Proposed by Ron and seconded by Carter      **Motion carried**

**MOTION:** To accept proceed with repairs to the platform along Pumpkin Point Road.  
Proposed by Ron and seconded by Chuck      **Motion carried**

- Future report will include discussion on better sites for new platform. (e.g. Maskinonge Bay)

b) discussion on insurance Waiver and Assumption of Risk

- Copies were reviewed of the
  - Commercial Insurance Policy
  - Ron's Email of September 4, 2019
  - September 4, 2019 Email from Broker Ross Fraser (Cade Insurance) to Dave
  - Advice from Broker Mandi Lambert (Cade Insurance)
  - sample of Membership Form
  - sample of Field Trip Waiver
- a lengthy discussion followed; it included
  - Club's Policy does not have property Insurance.
  - Do we want to exclude non-members from outings (no).
  - Need Safety Briefing at outset of outing.
  - Encourage leaders to pre-walk the route to identify hazards
  - Give non-members time to read waiver by requiring them to read in advance and come to outing with a signed waiver.

- Remove first paragraph on Field Trip Waiver

**MOTION:** when promoting outings, inform non-members of the location of the waiver form and a requirement that they come to the outing with a signed waiver.

Proposed by Bill and seconded by Barb

**Motion carried**

- Carrie to contact Ontario Nature to obtain suggestions and to learn what other clubs are doing about outing waivers.
  - continue to encourage people to call leader in advance of outing.

**MOTION:** Non-members who did not bring assigned waiver will be given the opportunity to read and sign the waiver at the outset of the outing.

Proposed by Pam and seconded by Barb

**Motion carried**

**MOTION:** I move that we take from the Table the motion that concerns whether we keep the waiver. Proposed by Ron and seconded by Jeff.

**MOTION:** That the club continue with the practice of obtaining “waivers” from members and outings participants.

Proposed by Ron and seconded by Jeff

Motion Carried

c) Web Site report and discussion,

- A lot of choices for Website building software
- Cost about \$ 200.00 per year
- Carter has used **Websitebuilder.com**
- the advantages of redesigning our website are:
  - More Modern Look
  - Easier for user,
  - Easier to Manage ,
  - more Cell phone friendly
- Will we get more traffic?
- a disadvantage is the time and effort required to design a new Website
- Yes Executive will be able to share workload to add content to Website.
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- Motion to establish a website for Sault Natural using Website.com for approx. \$150.00 per year. Carter and Angela

**MOTION:** To establish a new website for Sault Naturalist using Websitebuilder.com for approximately \$150.00 per year

Proposed by Carter and seconded by Angela

**Motion carried**

- d) AGM speaker and best month discussion
  - Deferred; left in hands of program committee to bring forward.
- e) Ontario Nature's 2020 spring meeting to be held in Sault Ste. Marie
  - Rob Rutledge has agreed to lead
  - Executive and Membership will be asked to assist
  - stay tuned

## 5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

### a) Treasurer's Report (Angela)

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	
Mar	110						(10)	(109)	
Apr	60						(4)		(100)
May	130							(79)	(12) 5,998
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						
3/31/2019	Bank fees	(6.00)	818.24						
4/30/2019	Bank fees	(6.00)	812.24						
5/31/2019	Bank fees	(6.00)	806.24						
<b>Platform Funds</b>			959.94						

### b) Outings- (Val, Barb and Renee)

Nothing more

### c) Programs (Chuck) –

- Next Tuesday October 8 program will be Gordon Eason presenting about Caribou on the North Shore; 7pm start at Forestry Canada.
- Recommended paying Bayliss Honorarium in advance of 2020

**MOTION:** To Pay the 2020 Honorarium to Bayliss Library in the current year.

Proposed by Chuck and seconded by Angela

**Motion carried**

d) Membership Report (Barb)

- See Chart

	Total # Membership
Individual	61
Family	46
Life	25
Complimentary - Senior	4
Complimentary - Speaker	2
Student	2
Organizations	1
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>141</b>

e) Environmental Action Committee (Bill)

- Open House for Algoma Forest Management Plan now set for October 17, 2019:
- Should we get involved in the ferrochrome plant?
- Should we get involved in the trap rock and turtle habitat?
- Bill will start process to take lead on Turtle Habitat/Trap Rock.
- Noront to present on Oct 23, 2019 about Ferrochrome plant, Club should be present.

f) Ontario Nature (Carrie)

- Conference call October 21 Carrie will attend.
- Will email her notes for discussion and ask us to review.

g) Local Citizen's Committee (Mark)

- AFMP Open House October 17, 2019 1PM to 8 PM Water Tower Inn

h) S.S.M. Trails Advocacy Committee (Chuck)

- **STAC Sept 19 2019**
- **ATN Update – Finn Hill** – Sault Cycling Club may seek funding to construct mountain bike trails – starting in the Finn Hill area – details still to be worked out with the city – small steps first
- **Cycling Lanes Pine and Willow** – approved will be in 2020 – highway line painting contract. Thanks to those that attended “Open House” – clarification by

city in the future will be call public information centre (as these are implementing approved projects. May be more complete street analysis on Pine and Willow

- **Next Bike Lanes** – Lake St, MacDonald St, North St, Goulais Ave and Korah – possible Public Information Centres before spring – possible implementation in 2020
- **Northern Ave** – on list of potential projects for resurfacing and bike lanes in 2020 – pending budget deliberations - will look at other pedestrian issues Boreal School and possibly Sault College
- **Climate Change Coordinator** – STAC to be represented at upcoming meeting – focus on inventory
- **Bay Street and Black Road (north of Second Line)** – improvements for cyclist – Black Rd south of Second Line to be 4-laned
- **Churchill and Queen – Pedestrian Crossing**
- **Waterfront Boardwalk** – significant undercutting of bank near Station Mall – boardwalk closed -record high water on Superior and Huron – IJC 100 year high water records exceeded

i) Social Media (Carter)

- No Report

j) Outings

- Need a set of protocol for leaders, allergies, hike, safety briefing.
- One on one discussion with people arriving without waiver.
- Barb to draft a safety briefing.
- Communication with leader and assists could be improved

k) Secretary (Jerry)

- No update

l) Publicity ()

- No activity.

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## 6. ONGOING BUSINESS

a) Monarch / Milkweed Projects

- Not discussed

b) Tree Planting Project

- Not discussed.

c) Website (Ron, Carter, Jerry)

- See Section 4 (above) Business Arising From the Minutes.

d) Wildlife Viewing Platforms.

- See Section 4 (above) Business Arising From the Minutes

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## 7. UPDATES AND REMINDERS

a) None.

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## 8. NEW BUSINESS

None

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## 9. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- Black Backed Woodpecker at Fort St Joseph
- Road kill Bobcat
- Bluebirds are flocking
- Monarchs in abundance at the Straits.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Jeff. Seconded by Barb. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting is Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the Executive

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Jerry Kroetsch*

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