



Sault Naturalists Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – May 05, 2020

The meeting was held by video conference, hosted out of Sault Ste. Marie Ontario

Member	Present	Regrets
Dave Euler, President	Y	
vacant, Vice President		
Angela Henley, Treasurer	Y	
Jerry Kroetsch, Secretary	Y	
Ron Prickett, Past President, Wiki Editor	Y	
Pam Dalseg, Member at Large	Y	
Carter Dorscht, Social Media	Y	
Don Hall, Ontario Nature	Y	
Mark Harvey, LCC	Y	
Bill Meades, Environmental Action	Y	
Jeff Robinson, Archives	Y	
Barb Scott, Membership	Y	
Will Scott, Publicity	Y	
Val Walker, Outings	Y	

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OR NEW MEMBERS

- a) Dave, asked members to introduced themselves and their role in the club.
- b) Donna Hakansson, interim Minute taker and potential Secretary
- c) Doug Bruce, member at large
- d) Chris Zayachkowski, member at large

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a) Update to Zoom requested by Jerry. See end of Committee reports
- b) Discuss petition to protect Blanding Turtles from Quarry development. See EAC update

3. REVISION/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

- Correct spelling of Angela

MOTION: To accept April 07, 2020 Minutes as amended. Proposed by Jeff and seconded by Don. **Motion carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Member Survey. Jerry to draft response to membership sharing highlights and expressing thanks for input.
 - Memo sent out to membership by Dave April 9, 2020

5. COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report (Angela)
 - Nothing new just a few memberships.(3 electronic deposits)
2. Outings- (Val, Barb and Renee)
 - No Action yet.
 - See Next Steps..
3. Programs AGM (Jerry)
 - May and June Program is cancelled
 - Planning for September and Next Year
 - Will share a draft Fall 2020.in June
 - Will bring a motion about the location of the December program at a future meeting.
4. Membership (Barb)
 - 129 memberships plus life for a total of 155.
 - Val called and had a number committing to renew, some not renewing. Finalize list of names to strike in June.
5. Environmental Action Committee (Bill)
 - Blanding Turtles
 - As a club sent memo to MPP. Township, Advocates and money.
 - Should promote issue to members.

MOTION: The contents of Jeff's e-mail on turtles be distributed to members; to give Membership the options of signing the petition. Proposed by Ron and seconded by Angela. **Motion carried**

- Val to cleanup memo/link and send it out to members
6. Ontario Nature (Don)
 - Nothing to Report
 - Getting regular e-mails from ON
 - Dave indicated there is a teleconference call tomorrow. Barbara MacKenzie-Wynia is talking to club reps about Ontario Nature activity.
 - Don to participate.

7. Local Citizen's Committee (Mark)
 - No Meetings, just cancellations
 - During March drafted a memo about 2016 Independent Forest Audit
 - Letter went to Will for clean-up.
 - Dave is waiting for a better time to send out letter.

8. S.S.M. Trails Advocacy Committee ()
 - Ron to follow-up and join.
 - Thanks Ron

9. Social Media (Carter)
 - Busy not much to post.
 - Call for photos or articles.
 - Should post Blogs
 - Minutes going on Wiki for time being.
 - Website is not formally live.
 - Carter to send out URL address to new Executive members

10. Secretary (Jerry)
 - Zoom account is proving difficult to share hosting.
 - He will cancel account for summer, Will revisit renewal in Fall.
 - Jerry is also using the account so he will seek reimbursement for only half the cost.
 - He will continue to explore how to best share hosting.

11. Publicity (Will)
 - Nothing New.

6. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a) Monarch / Milkweed Projects
 - see 7. New Business

- b) Tree Planting Project
 - see 7.

- c) Wildlife Viewing Platforms.
 - see 7.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Planning For the end of the lockdown

- **Programs** proceeding with plans to resume in Fall; subject to social distancing direction.
- **Wildlife viewing Platforms**
 - Wait until COVID-19 is over.
 - No plan to design, nor to cost
 - the purchased Lumber was by Sault College
 - Platforms are closed.
 - Jerry asked if the Lake Street platform is stranded in water this year.
 - Do we have paper work on wood bought by Sault College? Rob Rutledge must have it.
- **Outings** Wait until we have clear direction, can pull something together quickly.
 - Ron suggested Executive could step forward if authorities lift constraints quickly.
- **Monarch Butterflies - Mark Olivier**
 - Mark Olivier is planning a big tagging event for September.
 - Maybe at Fort St Joe
- **Monarch Butterflies – Milkweed Protection**
 - Ron asked if we carry on with this project
 - Could do a larvae count in July August. Small group can do anything.
 - Ron to do e-mail to MTO and St Joe’s Island Townships asking them again to not mow the milkweed on select roadsides (cc Executive) .
- **Follow Public Health Guidelines** Pam reminded us that anything we propose to the membership must be consistent with Public Health guidelines.
 - May need emergency meeting of Executive if an event is proposed in short order.
- **Tree Planting Project**
 - Ron to find out if tree planting is delayed.
 - Enquire if trees are to be fertilized and watered and held over for a year.

8. NATURE OBSERVATIONS

- 50 Hawks kettling in Soo MI
- Ruffed Grouse display
- Beaver
- lots of birds
- American White Pelican Echo Bay and Rydal Bank
- fields of 60 Sandhill Cranes Rydal Bank
- 1,500 Hawks noted by Raptor Watch at Mackinaw Straights

MOTION: To adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Next Meeting is Tuesday June 01, 2020 for the Executive

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Kroetsch