

November 3 Executive Meeting **Sault Naturalists**

Attendance: Dave Euler, Don Hall, Tony Walker, Val Walker, Harvey Robbins, Donna Ryckman-Rooney, Gail Andrew, Carl Linhart, John Lehman, Carrie Ginou

Membership:

Harvey indicated that there was no change in membership. He sent Dave an up-to-date list one month ago.

Financial:

Gail reported that the Canadian account holds \$1717.77 and the U.S. account has \$823.59. One GIS is up for renewal in November and Gail proposed rolling it over. It is for \$4078.30. The second GIC is \$2485.85 and not up for renewal until June of 2012. A motion to roll over the first GIC was put forth by Harvey and seconded by Tony. The motion passed.

Outings:

Val will request input from members for outing in the new year. She saw convocation of eagles on a recent outing.

Program:

Carrie has a number of persons set up for programs. Some topics are: Lake Superior photography, BearWise, and MNR Species at Risk. She asked that executive members and club members think about Fall speakers.

ACTION: Carrie will ask program ideas from the membership at the next meeting. A request will go out on email in conjunction with Val's outing request.

ACTION: Dave E. will organize a program core meeting in early 2012 to nail down ideas for potential speakers for programs to assist Carrie.

Renewing Membership:

We will hold a membership drive with a prize of a gortex hat to be drawn from the members who renew prior to Feb. 1st. **ACTION:** Don Hall will mention this at Tuesday's meeting. Dave E. will be on vacation and has asked Don to chair the meeting.

ACTION: Don Hall will prepare a proposal for a new viewing platform on an Island off Pumpkin Point as it is a great place for shorebirds. The water is very shallow around the Island. He suggests a portable viewing platform near the alders and willows would be appropriate. He envisions an 8' x 8' platform. He will have this ready for the next executive meeting.

Annual Dinner preparations:

John Lehman provided a *To do list* of activities. James Smedley is the guest speaker. He lives in Wawa and the club will reimburse him for gas. **ACTION:** Karl will contact Evelyn regarding appropriate gift ideas.

ACTION: Tony Walker agreed to be the emcee.

John circulated food options and the executive voted on the food dishes for the dinner. The dinner will be held at LSSU and will be the Sailor's delight dinner.

Ticket price will be firmed up by the next meeting.

The holiday meeting for December 13 will incorporate nature readings. Connor Miheil will read from his book Superiors North Shore. Members will be invited to give a reading as well.

ACTION: Dave E. will contact Dorothy O`Connor

Donna will bring the cider. Gail will make some cookies. Don and Viv will create a display board. Mary Ryckman will bring some cheese and crackers Readings may also be provided by: Don, Cark, Gail and Ron P.

Hub Trail update:

ACTION: Tony Walker will attend a sign strategy meeting with the City on November 9 on behalf of the Naturalists.

Tony attended the Nature Ontario workshop in French River. He stated the snapping turtle petition signatures were well received. The bird checklist will be pushed again in the spring to locations that might take copies on consignment. The Christmas Bird Count date is December 17. Ken M. has agreed to coordinate the bird count.

Carl indicated that there is limited activity in the UP with Michigan Audubon. Most of the activity is downstate. Carl asked that we consider maybe an earlier start time to meetings.

ACTION: Don Hall will approach the membership and ask if they might prefer a 7 p.m. start time so that we may get home earlier.

ACTION: The club is looking for a publicity person to handle sending out press releases. This could be done via email.

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.