

**DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date - Thursday March 8 2012  
Time – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Location – Civic Centre, Korah Room



John Lehman, Don Hall, Carl Linhart, Val Walker, Carrie Ginou, Gail Andrew, Harvey Robbins, Tony Walker. Dave Euler, Ron Prickett,

Thank you, John!

John Lehman has been the program chair for the Club for at least 8 years and this is his last Executive Meeting. It is hard to express how thankful we are for the work that John has done over his time as Chair. He has spent hours contacting speakers, getting pictures from them, organizing the annual meeting, and bringing his ideas to the table at our Executive Meetings. Thank you John, for all those hours you spent insuring that our meetings would be successful and helping us all have a good time at them.

We are glad you will continue to keep the Wiki up-to-date.

Your Executive Friends

**Meeting Minutes**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Call to order<br/>Don called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.</li> <li>2) Additions to the agenda-- none</li> <li>3) Approval of minutes of last executive meeting:-- approved</li> <li>4) Approval of Annual Meeting minutes<br/>Approved, -- Tony moved and Carl seconded a motion to approve, vote carried</li> <li>5) Business arising from the minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Harvey – read the single page that he sends to new members, General discussion about how we communicate with new members, When new members join we send them a single page that gives them basic information about the Club. That information includes the web</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>address and leads to having their name on the mailing list.</p> <p>We will review this process from time to time to see if it can be improved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Dave – Gore-Tex hat- Dave ordered the hat and Carl brought it to the meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Don Hall will bring it to the next meeting and will present it to Evelyn.</p> <p>Harvey will call Evelyn to see if she is coming to the meeting and will let Don Hall know.</p> |
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- c) Val Walker, SAR Fund Project; Derek Goertz has helped Val submit a proposal to engage the club in a Species at Risk project. The project will involve monitoring of Barn Swallows, Bob-o-links and Meadowlarks in and around SSM. If approved, money will be available for some food, and a spotting scope. The money will come to the Club and be deposited in the club accounts.
- d) **Action Item-** The possibility of the Club owning a spotting Scope brings up the issue of Club Equipment. Don Hall will pursue instituting an inventory list of items the club owns. If the funding is approved we need to discuss who will keep the scope and how we will let club members sign it out.
- e) **Action Item-** Don Hall will keep the insurance policy, and will fill out the required forms to comply with the requirements of the insurance company. Don will make copies and keep them in two separate places.
- e) **Action Item-** Carrie will consider going to the Ontario Nature Northern Ontario Regional meeting on behalf of the Club. She is not sure, but will see if her schedule makes it possible.
- f) **Action Item -** September meeting, Dave will firm up the date with Steve Roade as a speaker for the September meeting.

## 5) Committee and other reports

## a) Treasurer.

## Financial Report

Canadian Account (CIBC)	1917.19
U.S. (Huntington Bank)	1119.71
GIC#1 (Nov 22/2012)	4149.67
GIC #2 (1 June 15/2012)	2485.85

## AGM Financial

Ticket Sales	2251.00
Cisler Center Invoice	1780.92
Silent Auction Proceeds	390.00
Speaker Gift	50.00
Speaker Travel	225.00
Decoration	68.01
Membership Prize	68.85
Photocopy	7.23

- b) Outings –Pelee trip is fully booked, Val Walker will start preparation for spring and summer
- c) Programs- Gladys is preparing for her presentation to the Club in June, Carrie will get a picture to use in publicity and get it to Dave.

**Action Item -** Carrie will try to get a picture to Dave before each meeting. For use in publicity

- d) General discussion of speaker for next AGM, some suggesting Kirk Zufelt to be the speaker, as well as a possible speaker for a regular meeting,

**Action Item- Dave** will contact Kirk and see if he is willing to be a speaker for our AGM or a monthly meeting.

**Action Item-** A gift of a one year membership will be presented to speakers who are not members of the Club.

**Action Item-** Harvey will fill out the name of the speaker on a membership card before the meeting and bring it to the meeting to give to the speaker. At the meeting he, or someone he designates if he is not able to be there, will get the e-mail and/ or mailing address from the speaker to go into the list of members. After the meeting the regular letter will be sent to the speaker in the usual way.

### **Audubon Report**

Michigan Audubon- Cerulean Warbler weekend will be in Michigan later this, June 1, Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary, quite a long distance from SSM

Breeding Bird Atlas for Michigan is finished and available on line.

Jane Goodal, will speak March 28 at Central Michigan University

**Ontario Nature-** Regional meeting in early May that Carrie might be able to attend

**STAC Committee and the Hub Trail-** the committee has so many requests for signs that they are taking it one step at a time, beginning with basic signage, then considering other signs at a later date. By spring and summer they expect to have basic signs erected. Tony does not know if the committee will actually allow us to put nature signs on the trail.

100th Anniversary of SSM - Susan Myers is contact person for the celebration of the 100th anniversary.

**Action Item-** Don Hall will call Susan Myers to see what, if any role the Sault Naturalists might play in anniversary celebrations.

The STAC Committee has asked that the Club lead some sort of challenge activity at Fort Creek on Canada Day.

### 6) Updates & Reminders

Reminder to send "Nature on the Net" links to Dave.

**Action Item-**Carrie will investigate how to download items from the net to be shown at the December meeting.

Carrie has returned the display board.

### 7) New business

- a) Annual Meeting Review
  - How did we do financially? We made money and the final result was positive for the club
  - Progressive auction – how did it go? We made almost 400 dollars.
  - Was anyone overworked...Gail worked hard and made a major contribution, she is so efficient she didn't seem to mind, however we should try to give her a bit more help next year.
  - Is the phone chain effective? It didn't work too well in Michigan, but it seemed to be better in Ontario
  - We should continue the silent auction.
  - Ideas to record for future reference:

The phone chain is a good idea; perhaps it would be best to call people as soon as the phone chain list is available.

We should continue our policy of no tickets at the door. You can pick up tickets at the door but they must be paid for before the annual meeting.

The annual meeting is a good place to get new members. Perhaps someone should do a soft sell about membership in the club.

b) Ontario Nature Conservation Awards

**Action item-** Don Hall will be preparing nomination forms for the Algoma Highlands Conservancy to be awarded either the W. H. Saunders or the J.R. Dymond Award at the Ontario Nature Annual Meeting.

c) Spring newsletter – Ron & Val. This is underway, any contribution will be appreciated, send to Ron or Val

d) St. Joe Anglers and Hunters – guest speaker ideas

Don was asked to speak tonight, but couldn't. We don't have anyone to speak and Don will let them know.

e) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of War of 1812-There are opportunities to paddle from SSM to Fort St Joe, There will be an organized paddle with the Big Canoe, Contact Ron Prickett, or consult [www.Algoma1812.com](http://www.Algoma1812.com) for registration.

f) **Action Item** Dave to bring gavel to Don Hall

8) Review of Action Items

All action items were reviewed as reminder to everyone for the next meeting.

9) Adjournment at 8:57:42

Respectively Submitted, Dave Euler