

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date – Thursday October 4 2012

Time – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location – Thompson Room



- 1) Call to order at 7 p.m. with Tony Walker, Dave Euler, Valerie Walker, Ron Prickett, Carrie Ginou, Gail Andrew, Don Hall and Donna Ryckman-Rooney present.
  - 2) Additions to the agenda?
    - Name Tags
  - 3) Approval of last meeting's minutes  
Moved by Tony W. and approved by the Executive, September's minutes.
  - 4) Business arising from the minutes
    - a) Don to seek approval from general membership – Tony's gas money for ON meeting – *done, approved*
    - b) Don to approach members about serving on program committee – *done, will discuss along with program committee report*
  - 5) Committee and other reports
    - a) Treasurer  
Canadian Account \$ 1,634.05,  
U.S. Account \$592.71,  
GIC #1 (Nov 22/12) \$4149.67 and  
GIC #2 (June 17/13) \$2755.60
    - b) Outings  
Outing list is out. One addition is Nov. 2 a movie night at Don and Vivian Halls
    - c) Programs  
Carrie is confirming speakers for Jan. to April 2013. Annual dinner is confirmed for Feb. 12 at Sault College. Silent Auction will be held. Related tasks will be assigned at next executive meeting.
    - d) Membership  
No changes since last month. 15 members have not renewed. Val will contact 7 in person. Others may be contacted (by letter) later in year.
    - e) Michigan Audubon
- No report.
  - f) Ontario Nature&STAC  
Tony attended the Ontario Nature meeting. It was very informal. The Misery Bay information centre on Manitoulin Island is quite impressive. Tony gave our club's update report.
- 6) Old business
    - a) Program Committee restructuring  
Rob Rutledge has agreed to join the committee. Don is in the process of contacting other potential members. Suggestions for programs can be forwarded to Don or Carrie.
  - 7) Updates and reminders
    - a) Send *Nature on the Net* links to Dave  
Quite a few links have been sent which will be used at the Dec. mtg.  
**ACTION:** Carrie and Dave will meet on this.
    - b) Gros Cap Bluffs – meeting with Jeff Elgie has not yet taken place
  - 8) New business
    - a) Ron Prickett has been working on a proposal for interpretive signs along the Hub Trail. There is funding available for partnerships. We will require a letter of support from the City as part of this proposal.  
**ACTION:** Ron will prepare proposal for the October 2012 deadline.
    - b) Conservation Authority proposal – boardwalk and signs at Mark's Bay SSMCRA wants club support and participation for building a gravel trail, boardwalk and viewing platform at Mark's Bay. Help with designing interpretive signs in particular. The club may assist with endangered species identification.

**ACTION:** Don will prepare a letter of support for this initiative for the October 12 deadline.

- c) Temagami – Wolf Lake  
MNR is changing the status of part of the largest old growth red pine forest in Ontario.

**ACTION:** Don will prepare a letter of concern regarding these changes. Members may also send personal letters of concern.

- d) Fall newsletter – distribution  
The newsletter is nearly ready to go.  
**ACTION:** Don to print a few paper copies and Val to send out electronic newsletters.

**ACTION:** snail mail newsletters may be brought to the meeting to hand out to members who are there and if possible we will stuff envelopes after the meeting.

- e) Ontario Community Environment Fund  
This is an annual fund regarding the Goulais area. Club does not know what environmental work is needed at Goulais. Literature is not clear – funding may be available only to incorporated clubs.

**ACTION:** Don will send Caribou Expeditions an email regarding possible future initiatives.

- f) Classified Ads section for Wiki  
There was some discussion about whether a classified ads section of the wiki might be possible. Don has emailed John L. to inquire about the amount of work this might require and whether this is feasible.

- g) Name tags  
Vivian Hall suggested coordinating wearing of name tags for meetings to help new members learn members names. Motion to purchase name tags was put forward by Donna and seconded by Tony. The motion was passed with one member in opposition.  
**ACTION:** Vivian to prepare name tags.

- 9) Nature observations and anything else to cover.

Folks have been seeing marsh harriers and 1100 sandhill cranes which are now mostly gone.

Ron Pricket has been reviewing Bill C38 and Bill 55 regarding changes in Fisheries policy. There is a shift in provincial and federal direction. Our membership should be made aware of these changes. Ron Pricket suggested we set up a meeting with the MP and /or MPP.

**ACTION:** Ron to check into how to arrange a meeting with the club membership and political leaders.

Don will put this on next month's agenda

- 10) Adjournment was at 8:38 p.m.

*Regrets* – Robert Cohen, Harvey Robbins, Carl Linhart