

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date – Thursday February 7 2013
Time – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location – Civic Centre, Korah Room



Present – Don Hall, Dave Euler, Harvey Robbins, Gail Andrew, Tony Walker, Carrie Ginou, Donna Ryckman-Rooney

Regrets – Carl Linhart, Ron Prickett, Val Walker

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Additions to the agenda. No additions.
- 3) Approval of last meeting's minutes.
Approved.

Main Items (moved up to ensure time for thorough coverage)

4) Plans for Annual Meeting

- a) Anticipated numbers: 96 people expected for AGM dinner.
- b) Student attendance at presentation only – Expect program to start at 7:30 p.m.
- c) Order of Business – Carrie reviewed her plan. Set up from 5:30- 6:00 p.m., tables are square, 2 seats for speaker, reserve 2 tables for head table, theme is black and white. Foster a Forest sign to be set up. Donna will recall media people.
- d) Don's part in all this – Nominate the incumbents. Have the motion recorded for the club's records.

ACTION: Don to send out in October the idea of a Nominating committee for new board members to be presented at the AGM.

- e) Val will take tickets at the door
- 5) **March speaker cancellation.** The March speaker cancelled but Paul Hazlet from NRCAN has agreed to speak on "Life in the Soil".
- 6) Business arising from the minutes
 - a) Donna to contact a friend recreating a template for future publicity posters. (deferred from January meeting)

- b) Don to bring motion to donate \$100 to Foster a Forest to the membership on January 8 – *done, carried*
- c) Don to bring motion to donate proceeds from AGM silent auction to Foster a Forest to the membership on January 8 – *done, carried*
- d) Don to let general membership know that there may be AGM costs (approx. \$150) in excess of funds raised from ticket sales - *done*
- e) Don or Gail to provide general membership with an overview of major recurring expenses – insurance, donations, use of church, etc. - *done*
- f) Don to send Val the ISRI poster concerning an information session January 23. Val to send it out to the membership - *done*
- g) Don to promote ISRI information session at January 8 general meeting – *done*
- h) Don to promote the silent auction at the January 8 meeting - *done*
- i) Val to send out an email reminder concerning the silent auction, about a week before the AGM - *done*
- j) Val will make sure that a technician is available at the college, in case we encounter problems. - *done*
- k) Don to send out an email reminder to all who are submitting to the annual report, including Bill's email address - *done*

7) Committee and other reports

- a) Treasurer: The insurance has been paid. We have a new address: The Sault Naturalists, Box 20136,

150 Churchill Blvd., Sault Ste.
Marie, Ontario, Canada P6A 6W3.

- b) Outings (Val sends regrets)
- c) Programs: Dave has future speakers for May, June, Sept, Oct. and Nov.
ACTION: Need ideas for AGM2014
- d) Membership: **ACTION:** Need a sign for membership renewals at the AGM. Done by Carrie.
- e) Michigan Audubon (Carl sends regrets)
- f) Ontario Nature & STAC: May meeting is scheduled. Tony will attend and advise the executive.

8) Old business

- a) Donna to contact a friend re: creating a template for future publicity posters. Standardized posters would be posted regularly (monthly?) in the same spots at LSSU and elsewhere (This was deferred from the January meeting)

9) Updates and reminders

- a) Mark's Bay Boardwalk Funding. The Funding for this project was denied.
- b) ISRI – Invasive Species Projects: Bring Forward to March or April. 15 Invasive species within the city are to be identified and possibly eradicated.
- c) Pruning at Loonie Park Update – Tony. Tag alder will be cut. Jennifer Taylor is working on this. If the MNR approves the cutting of the tag alder, do we want to be involved in this project. Chainsaws will be necessary.

10) New business

- a) Request from Parks Canada – Donna received a request for a listing of birds at canal and Fort. She gave what information she could and directed them to the Birds of SSM booklet.
- b) Meeting at the locks – Tony attended a Friends of Canal and Fort meeting. Dan French is the contact at Canal. Parks Canada will have mobile display units commemorating the War of 1812-1814.

- c) Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy: New group in the area. Some online presence. Keep an eye out in the community for them.

11) Nature observations: Snowy Owls, hawk owl and wild turkeys seen. Harris Sparrow at Don's house.

12) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Regrets – Carl Linhart, Robert Cohen, Ron Prickett, Val Walker