

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date – Thursday March 7, 2013  
Time – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Location – Civic Center, Thompson Room



*Present* – Don Hall, Ron Prickett, Val Walker, Tony Walker, Carrie Ginou, Donna Ryckman-Rooney

*Regrets* – Dave Euler, Gail Andrew

- 1) Call to order – 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Additions to agenda: Discussion on membership – will be addressed later?
- 3) Approval of last meeting’s minutes –No minutes available at this time for Feb. meeting.
- 4) Business arising from the minutes:  
No February minutes yet.
- 5) Committee and other reports
  - a) Treasurer’s report: Finances in good standing. Questions were asked about what funds were raised at the Annual General Meeting. 90 meals were sold. **ACTION:** Gail to prepare an AGM report for the executive to review - *done*
  - b) Outings: Two outings this weekend.
  - c) Programs: Paul Hazlet will speak this month. Ron P will introduce the speaker. Discussion concerning noise interfering with Michigan programs **ACTION:** Don to contact John Lehman re alternate location for Michigan meetings - *done*  
Program for May is Bill and Flo on a recent trip. June will be on Assisted Migration. We need ideas for Oct and Dec. Dave sent an email to the McGuffins about the AGM for next year. Another idea is to have someone speak on the Lake Superior Conservancy.
  - d) Membership: No report
  - e) Michigan Audubon: No report
  - f) Ontario Nature and STAC: Tony will be meeting with STAC.
- 6) Old business
  - a) Review of AGM: There was some concern about the speaker timeline and length of presentation. In general, comments from attendees were positive; one person commented that they had to park quite a distance away and that was an issue for seniors, another commented that they were tired of lasagna for our dinners. We will postpone the discussion on funding until Gail is in attendance. There was discussion around the final date for ticket sales and the process of ticket sales. Clarification needed on the deadline for purchasing a ticket – is it firm, or a bit flexible? Also it was noted that the timeline for the Silent Auction must be made clearer as we were in the media room and people had to come back to the room with the auction items. **ACTION:** Carrie will write up a summary
  - b) Foster a Forest: We raised \$770 through the silent auction. The proceeds will go to the Algoma Highlands Conservancy “Foster a Forest” campaign, and it will be matched by a private foundation. The club’s contribution will be recognized on a trailside monument and also associated with acreage of our choosing. **ACTION:** Carrie will look after choosing appropriate acreage.

- c) Carried Forward – Donna to contact a friend re: standardized posters.  
**ACTION** : Val to forward the logo.
- d) Copies of the newsletter need to be mailed out.  
**ACTION:** Donna will mail the Annual Report to those who do not use emails.
- 7) Updates and reminders
  - a) Keep next year’s AGM in mind for a speaker.
- 8) New business
  - a) Michigan Wolf Hunt – Sault Naturalists were asked to support the end of a Michigan Wolf Hunt. Ron will mention this at the March meeting.  
**ACTION:** Don to send info to Ron
  - b) Donation to Science Fair: Motion by Ron P to donate \$100 to support the Rotary Club Science Fair. Seconded by Carrie. Approved. Note: The \$100 is an award named the “Gary Rahn Award” in memory of our past member.
  - c) Ontario Nature request for support re: changes to the Endangered Species Act.  
**ACTION:** Ron volunteered to write a letter to David Oraziatti on this matter. Ron will send a draft copy to Don Hall
  - d) Publicity Posters: Vivian suggested we print up some Club promotion posters. Executive thought this was a great idea. Suggestions were to use brass grommets, to include the web address and to price them out at Kwik Copy.  
**ACTION:** Don to investigate costs from Kwik Copy.
  - e) Kensington Conservancy – request for support and webinar. The Conservancy is seeking funding and

wished to have a commitment of our support. The Conservancy hopes that the club will present a webinar followed by one or two outings, an introduction to birding. It was felt that this could be done if the conservancy was willing to do most of the “leg work” including copyright approvals. Don, Donna, Tony and Val agreed to form a sub-committee to meet with conservancy staff and investigate preparation and presentation of a webinar.

- f) **ACTION:** Don will contact the Conservancy and inform them of our support, and the formation of the subcommittee.

March 25 Note: Don sent an email to the conservancy asking for an update on the funding request – no response as yet.

#### 9) Nature observations

- Tony reports a good tv show coming up Friday - Midnight Migration  
Harris’s sparrow is still at Don and Viv’s. Also seen is the Northern cardinal and Boreal Chickadee.

- 9) Adjourned – 8:50 p.m.