

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date - Thursday June 6, 2013
Time – 7:00 pm – 8:57 pm
Location – Civic Centre, Thompson Room



Present: Tony Walker, Ron Prickett, Don Hall, Val Walker, Robert Cohen, Donna Ryckman-Rooney

Regrets: Dave Euler, Gail Jones, Harvey Robbins, Carl Linhart

- 1) Call to order: Recognizing a quorum Don called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Additions to the agenda. VTA celebration, Saturday, Sept. 27 and an email from Dave Euler.
- 3) Approval of minutes of last executive meeting: Tony moved that the minutes of May 2 be approved. Approved.
- 4) Business arising from the minutes
 - a) Carrie to summarize comments and suggestions for future annual meetings- *done some time ago, submitted to Dave directly.* Don to email to executive for review and then they will be included with minutes.
 - b) Don to prepare promotional poster- *copy available for comments tonight.* Copy given and circulated to executive.
 - c) Harvey to email past members to inquire about signing up. He will include all past 2012 members. – **ACTION:** carry forward to Sept. meeting
 - d) Green Expo- Tony to verify time, Val to confirm our participation.
 - e) Don to notify Edith Orr of our helping with inventory of Stobie Creek watershed - *done*
 - e) Don to let Deane Greenwood know that we will contribute to healthy hikes – an outing to Fort Creek on September 7 - *done.*
 - f) Harvey to make a copy of his Gros Cap report for Don to pass along to Great Lakes Watershed Conservancy- copies are made, not yet in don's hands (Don has been out of town a lot)
- 5) Committee and other reports
 - a) Treasurer's Report: GIC # 2: (June 17) \$2755.60 Submitted by Gail Jones. Action Gail to roll over GIC #2 with the life membership funds.
 - b) Outings – Sunday- Piping Plover at Vermillion. Saturday Picnic at Whitefish Island.
 - c) Programs: A Beaver Island trip is being considered.
 - d) Membership – Harvey sends regrets
 - e) Michigan Audubon
 - f) Ontario Nature/Hub Trail: Tony and Donna are willing to help again this year. Don and Vivian and Robert and Joy will participate.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) **ACTION:** Don will contact Dave regarding response of McGuffins.
 - b) Desbarats Green Expo- July 27. Tony will do a bird outing. Tony and Don may meet with Adam Jones regarding the Expo.
 - c) Change of venue: -**ACTION:** Don will ask membership if a change to a 7 p.m. start time for general meetings would be possible if we were to move our meetings in Michigan to the Baylis Library.
 - d) Hub Trail Festival: -Moved by Ron and seconded by Robert that Donna be

granted \$50.00 to buy a prize of a beginners guide to bird watching for the Hub Trail Challenge. **ACTION:** Donna to write up a report for executive.

- 7) Updates and Reminders:
- a) Gail says US insurance is due in early September, it goes up a little every year.
 - b) September – we are to prepare a budget for next year – include on agenda.
 - c) There have been no communications from the Nordik Institute re : our contributions to QR codes on the Hub Trail.
 - d) Dave suggests all Canadian members should be contacting David Oraziette concerning changes to the Endangered Species Act. The act has been passed, but it would be good if the minister knew that constituents are watching implementation carefully. **ACTION:** Don to mention at the Tuesday meeting.
- 8) New business
- a) Possible Speakers – Isle Royale wolf genetics? Mike Boyle?
 - b) Motion by Ron and seconded by Val that the GIC be rolled over and that it include the new life membership. Motion carried.
 - c) AGM 2014 - 60th Anniversary of the club. Gail and Vivian suggest that we put together a fast paced, light hearted slide show with pictures and stories of the history of the club. Perhaps this could be done for the annual general meeting. The idea is approved in principal. We note that we may not attract outside persons to the AGM but we want to celebrate our 60 years.

Additions to the minutes:

Ron suggested that a presentation by Essar Steel regarding what they are doing environmentally with regard to air, water, dust, and noise pollution could be a future topic for a program. Ron passed on a business card to Don.

Ron also suggested that Laura Wyper who is interested in urban bees and community trees might be a future presenter for the club.

- 9) Nature Observations: Ticks in the area. Black legged tick, deer tick, lone star tick.
- 10) Review of Action Items
- 11) Adjournment: 8:57 p.m.