

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date - Thursday May 2, 2013
Time – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location – Civic Centre, Thompson Room



Present: Tony Walker, Gail Jones, Carl Linhart, Ron Prickett, Harvey Robbins,
Don Hall, Val Walker, Donna Ryckman-Rooney
Regrets: Dave Euler

- 1) Call to order: Don called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) Additions to the agenda: Nordik Institute, Thank you and Gros Cap Interpretation.
- 3) Approval of minutes of last executive meeting: Tony moved that the minutes of April 4 be approved. Approved.
- 4) Business arising from the minutes
 - a) Don to mention proposed change of venue for US meetings at general meeting - *done*
 - b) Carrie to write up a summary of comments and suggestions for future annual meetings.
 - c) Donna to prepare and distribute a promotional poster for May meeting.- *done*. Attached.
 - d) Don to have Kwik Copy prepare a promotional poster. *Not done – carry forward to next month.*
 - e) Dave to contact Bill and Flow concerning proposed change to date of May meeting - *done*
- 5) Committee and other reports
 - a) Treasurer's Report: Canadian Account (CIBCC) \$1479.46, US Account (Huntington Bank) \$777.71, GIC #1: (Nov 22/13) \$4213.99, GIC # 2: (June 17/13) \$2755.60 Submitted by Gail Jones.
 - b) Outings –List almost prepared. Val informed that she may visit Colburn Island to scout out a future trip. A Beaver Island trip is being considered also.
- c) Programs: - fees for AGM.
Discussion about AGM and paying the speaker.
- d) Membership – There are 77 paid up members and 19 life members.
ACTION: Harvey will email past members to inquire about signing up. He will include all past 2012 members.
- e) Michigan Audubon: - Most of the current activities are down state. There are some specialty tours being offered for Kirtland Warblers etc.
- f) Ontario Nature/Hub Trail: Tony reported that meetings were upcoming. The Hub Trail Challenge for 2013 discussion will be carried forward to the June meeting. Tony and Donna are willing to help again this year. **ACTION: We may need to come up with a prize. Membership participation is required.**
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Honorary Membership – Discussion. The criteria for Foster a Forest was considered as a way to thank members for their long term commitment to the Club. Honorary Membership designation should go to the AGM for membership approval.
 - b) Proposed change of venue for meetings: **ACTION: Carl to talk with Dave.**
 - c) Speaker fees- annual meeting discussion.

- d) Kensington Conservancy Green Expo
Adam Jones is the contact for the Green Expo on July 27th at the Desbarats Farmers Market. The club has agreed to do a Bird Outing for the Green Expo. **ACTION: Tony Walker will verify the time and reiterate that the Bird outing is for beginners. ACTION: Val to confirm our participation.**

7) Updates and Reminders:

- a) 2014 AGM speaker – keep this in mind
b) Funding opportunities arise - Keep thinking of possible projects we could take on
c) reminder – general meeting is May 14
d) Dave trying to arrange meeting with MPP Orazietti

8) New business

- a) Sponsorship of the Ontario Nature Youth Summit –Don was contacted to see if the club would donate or consider sponsoring a youth to attend a possible Youth Summit sponsored by Ontario Nature. We occasionally get random requests like this for money or support. The executive will hold a September planning session to consider budget items for the club in an effort to prepare a budget. At this time we will discuss items such as the Youth Summit. **Back File for September.** The planning budget will be finalized for November.

ACTION: Don will notify Ontario Nature that our allocations have been made for this year.

- b) Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition – Stobie Creek Restoration -: It has been suggested that we plan an outing of Saturday, August 31st that is a canoeing activity on the Stobie creek. Members will be asked to participate in the biodiversity survey in partnership with the C A F.
ACTION: Don will notify Edith

Orr of our outing and offer to notify our membership via email of the biodiversity survey being conducted by CAF.

- c) Conservation Authority – Healthy Hikes- We have been asked to lead a Healthy Hike at Fort Creek for the Conservation Authority between May 1 and October 31. We decided on a Healthy Hike for September 7.
d) Request for sponsorship- Covered in a) above
e) Possible meeting with Minister Orazietti concerning changes to Endangered Species Act.

Additions to the minutes:

Nordik Institute received money for planning the QR codes for the Hub Trail. They would like our help with Natural history locations on the Hub Trail. Information on trees, environmental assessments and information from the Ontario breeding bird atlas could be provided.

Don informed the executive that he would be sending a Thank you note on behalf of the Club.

Lake Superior Watershed

Conservancy: Gros Cap and Rivers Edge. There will be a tramp around Gros Cap with Sue Meades.
ACTION: Harvey will make a copy of Harvey's Gros Cap report for Don to give to them.

- 9) Nature Observations, anything else to cover?

10) Review of Action Items

- 11) Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.