

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held March 19, 2015, Queen's University, 7:30 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Kurt welcomed everybody to the meeting. Katherine Innes was thanked for providing this evening's refreshments.

Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting for February 19, 2015

Recording Secretary, Janis Grant, referred members to the minutes of the February meeting, which are posted on the KFN website. There was one correction.

Motion

Moved by John Poland, seconded by Alexandra Simmons that the amended minutes be accepted.

Carried

New Business

Annual Dinner

Tickets for the annual dinner which takes place Thursday, May 21 were on sale this evening and are available from Polly Aiken. She can be reached at 343-363-1342 or at p_rutledge08@hotmail.com.

Nomination Committee

Gaye Beckwith, Chair of the Nomination Committee, invited members to submit their nominations for Board and Committee members to the Nomination Committee.

Members Observation

- Erwin Batalla reported that 2 Peregrine Falcons have been observed at Princess Towers. They are a male and a female and appear to be courting.
- Alan Grant observed a Cooper's Hawk on his garden patio today.
- Ken Robinson observed a Turkey Vulture at the Lansdowne landfill and a Rough Legged Hawk in a nearby field on Wednesday, March 18.
- Lynn Bell observed at least 100 deer on Wolfe Island feeding near the communications tower.
- Rose-Marie Burke saw a fox in her yard and a coyote in the cemetery near Unity and Perth Roads yesterday. Also observed in the cemetery were a Red Winged Blackbird, a Robin and a Northern Shrike. There was a beautiful aurora at Collins Creek, low in the sky, on March 18.
- Elaine Davies has 2 Barred Owls at Hawkridge Farm
- Phillida Hargreaves saw 2 Bald Eagles on Co. Rd. 10 north of Westport.

-Claire Muller saw a Red Headed Woodpecker, a Barred Owl and a Bald Eagle, that nested last year on Wolfe Island. A friend of her's saw a beige coloured wolf crossing on the ice from Wolfe Island west of Howe Island.

-Kurt Hennige saw 50 Redpolls and 1 Pine Siskin at his feeder this week.

Featured Speaker

Erwin Batalla introduced speaker Joel Coutu, Ornithological researcher, educator and field guide, who gave an interesting and well illustrated talk on "Birds of the Northern Lights".

He was thanked by Mark Read who presented him with both editions of "Birds of the Kingston Region".

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. There were approximately 62 members in attendance.