

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held April 21, 2016, Queen's University, 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks

Kurt welcomed everybody to the Annual General Meeting. He has served 2 years as KFN President and looks forward to working with the new President and Executive as Past President.

2. Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting for March 17, 2016

The minutes are posted on the KFN website. Kurt asked for any corrections or additions. There were none.

Motion

Moved by Janet Elliott, seconded by Ken Robinson that the minutes be accepted.

Carried

3. Motion To Re-Allocate NCC Donation

In 2012 NCC (Nature Conservancy of Canada) asked KFN for financial support to purchase the Langsford Property as part of its initiative to protect large areas of habitat in the Frontenac Arch. KFN contributed a total of \$5,000, \$500 from the executive and \$4,500 from the membership. The deal hinged on severing a house from the main Langsford property but permission was refused by the Township. This cancelled the purchase. NCC now requests that the \$4,500 be switched to the purchase of another property (Worton & Armstrong) located in the same area along the shore of Loughborough Lake.

Motion

Moved by Erwin Batalla, seconded by Larry McCurdy that NCC be allowed to redirect KFN's donation of \$4,500 from the purchase of the Langsford property toward the purchase of the Worton and Armstrong property.

Carried

4. Annual General Meeting

a) Treasurer's Report (please see documents in September 2016 Blue Bill)

The annual report covers FY 2015/16 and will be audited by Kevin Bleeks and Jane Revell. Larry thanked Kevin and Jane for auditing the 2014/15 report.

Larry reported on:

- 1) Financial Performance for 2015/16
- 2) Balance Sheet
- 3) Budget for approval for 2016/17

Motion:

Moved by Jacqueline Bartnik, seconded by Sharon David that the proposed budget for 2016/17 be accepted.

Carried

b) President's Report (please see detailed executive reports in the August 2016 Blue Bill)

Kurt gave a brief outline of the highlights for 2015/16.

-The outgoing executive was thanked for their contributions with particular thanks to Larry McCurdy for his work as Treasurer.

-Anne Robertson was thanked for her ongoing work with the Juniors and Teens, Rambles and the Bioblitz.

-Mark Read has done an excellent job with the Education Program.

-The fight to keep wind turbines off Amherst Island has been an on-going concern for Chris Hargreaves and the Conservation Committee this year and is now in court. KFN has done what it could to help.

-Mike Burrell has moved to Peterborough but is continuing to help with our website.

-Ken Robinson, our outgoing Ontario Nature representative, was thanked for setting up and running the fall Eastern Regional meeting of Ontario Nature at Elbow Lake.

c) Nominating Committee Report

Gaye Beckwith thanked fellow members of the Nominating Committee, Polly Aiken and Peter Good for their assistance. The new slate of officers was presented.

Motion:

Moved by Janet Scott, Seconded by Mike Evans that the newly nominated executive be accepted.

Carried

5. Members Observations

-Paul Mackenzie saw a Loggerhead Shrike at Newburgh today (April 21).

-Mike Evans has a swan on Collins Creek at Unity Rd. He has never seen one there before.

-Ken Robinson reported that the North Leeds Birders saw Yellow Rumped and Pine Warblers north of Portland on April 20.

-Lyn Bell reported seeing the Peregrine Falcons on the Princess Towers Building earlier in the spring but they are no longer there. It is thought that their attempt to nest has failed.

- Elaine Davies reported swans nesting close to the road at Codes Corners on Highway 15.
- Gaye Beckwith was able to videotape a Red Tailed Hawk eating a rabbit on a private lawn.
- Janis Grant saw over 50 Bohemian Waxwings while Birding with the North Leeds Birders at Portland April 20.

6. Features Speaker

Kurt Hennige gave an interesting presentation on his 4 years research on *Habitat Population Size and Breeding Success of Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark in Various Habitats* .

Kurt's report will be posted to the KFN website.

Kurt was thanked by Alexandra Simmons, incoming President, for his hard work and contribution to KFN as President for the past 2 years.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. There were approximately 45 people in attendance