

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held April 20, 2017, Queen's University, 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks:

President Alexandra Simmons welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and thanked Peter and Jane Greathead for supplying refreshments.

The agenda was reviewed.

2. Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting for March 16, 2017

Recording Secretary, Janis Grant, referred members to the minutes of the March meeting which are posted on the KFN website. There were no corrections.

Motion

Moved by David McMurray, seconded by Janet Elliott that the minutes be accepted.

Carried

3. Member's Observations

-John Poland announced that 7 species of butterfly have been observed in the Kingston area so far this year 5 of which over-winter and 2 are migrants. Overwintering species include Eastern Comma, Great Comma, Mourning Cloak and 2 species of Tortoise Shell. Among the southern migrants are Red Admiral and another species.

-David McMurray stated that early spring flowers blooming at Lemoine Point are 2 days later than normal

-Tessa Clarke has a Bald Eagle visiting her property at Kingston Mills. A pair of Osprey have visited her Osprey nest and may have got there before the Canada Geese who have nested there in the past.

-Jackie Bartnik has many wild flowers blooming on her property at Point St. Mark & Woods Landing.

-Jean Hopkins had a Mockingbird at her house in Henderson Place on April 8th.

-Maureen Addis saw a Pine Martin at her cottage north west of Verona.

-Rose-Marie Burke asked that we all look for a shower of meteors which will be at its height at 1 am Friday, April 21.

-Gaye Beckwith saw an American Bittern in Sydenham in March. There is a cormorant in Sydenham Lake.

-Alexandra Simmons has a loon in a lake near her property.

-Shirley French identified a very early Alder Flycatcher at Cranberry Lake. She also observed a strutting American Woodcock in daylight hours.

-Kurt Hennige counted 700 Tree Swallows on Amherst Island the evening of April 20.

4. Upcoming Events

Members are asked to consult their Newsletter for details of the following events:

- Annual Dinner Meeting, Thursday, May18.
- Tuesday Rambles, May 2; May 16
- Helen Quilliam Sanctuary Cleanup, Saturday, April 22.
- Field Trips: Algonquin Park Friday, April 28 to Sunday April 30; Prince Edward Point, Sunday May 14; H.R. Frink Center, Sunday May 28.
- Spring Roundup, Saturday May 21 to Sunday, May 22.
- Workshop by Stewardship Council and Woodlot Association Friday, April 21.
- May Bird Walks, morning and evening every Wednesday in May.

5. Annual General Meeting

- a) Treasurer's Report – See audited report in September 2017 Blue Bill
 Larry McCurdy presented 3 reports – 1) Income/expenses for past fiscal year. 2) Balance sheet. 3) Budget for 2017/18.

Following discussion the budget was accepted as follows:

Motion

Moved by Larry McCurdy, seconded by Erwin Batalla that the budget be accepted.

Carried

- b) President's Report

Committee reports, will be printed in the June edition of the Blue Bill. Alexandra presented a list of Executive Committee members and outlined highlights of their contributions to the club this year. She thanked Executive Members for their work.

Conservation Committee Chair, Chris Hargreaves gave a report on the Barn Swallow Project at Kingston Airport. KFN and Friends of Lemoine Point with financial assistance from the City of Kingston are building a structure near the south parking lot of Lemoine Point which will provide nesting sites for Barn Swallows, displaced by the closure of windows on Hangar 5.

- c) Nominations Committee see report in (June, September ???)Blue Bill
 Chair, Kurt Hennige thanked Nominations Committee members Janis Grant and Paul Mackenzie for their help. Two executive members are leaving the Board this year – Members-at-Large Rose-Marie Burke and Mike Burrell. Sandra thanked Rose-Marie for her contributions over the years and expressed the hope that she will return in the future. Mike has moved to Peterborough. A proposed list of officers and committee chairs was presented. Three calls were made for nominations from the floor but there were none.

Motion

Moved by Gaye Beckwith, seconded by John Critchley that the proposed executive be accepted by the membership.

Carried

d) Three new Board Members, Vice President Anthony Kaduck and Members-at-Large Leslie Rudy and John Donihee are joining the board. All 3 new members were introduced.

6. Presentation

As customary for the past 2 years, it was decided not to have a guest speaker at the AGM because of the lengthy business meeting. Instead, Gaye Beckwith gave a presentation of a trip he and his wife, Betsy took to the Greenland and Canadian Arctic in summer 2016.

He was thanked by President, Alexandra Simmons who presented him with a bag of Easter chocolates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30. There were 62 members in attendance.

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