

# Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held November 16, 2017, Queen's University, 7:30 p.m.

## 1. Opening Remarks

President Alexandra Simmons welcomed members to the November meeting. The agenda was reviewed.

## 2. Minutes of General Meeting held October 19, 2017

The President asked if there were errors or omissions in the previous minutes. There were none. She asked those who have concerns about the minutes in future to contact Recording Secretary Janis Grant. *The minutes were accepted.*

## 3. Member's Observations

-Martin Roncetti heard his first Snow Bunting call out overhead yesterday while he was on the K&P Trail near Sydenham.

-Ken Robinson reported that the North Leeds Birders saw their first Snowy Owl of the season near Rideau Ferry on November 15. Also seen were a Red Throated Loon and 3 Horned Grebes.

-John Licharson saw 70 Mute Swans on the west side of the Cataraqui River near Belle Island at 1 pm today.

-Steve Manders asked for any information on elk north of Kingston. They were introduced several years ago and he wondered how they are doing. Since nobody present could answer his question, Alexandra suggested he contact Jeff Bowman at MNR, for more information.

## 4. Refreshments

Alexandra thanked Liz and Mike Evans for supplying refreshments for tonight's meeting.

## 5. Upcoming Events

Please see the November Newsletter and the KFN Website for details.

-Field Trip November 19 to the Napanee River

- Rambles November 21, December 5
- December 21 General Meeting Member's Presentations. Please bring refreshments.
- Amherst Island Owl Woods are closed until Dec. 10 for deer hunting.
- Please send pictures to Gaye for the slide show.
- Christmas Bird Counts will be held from December 16 to 29.
- A book on local Dragonflies and Damselflies by Carol and Murray Seymour is available for sale from Gaye Beckwith for \$8.00.

6. Feature Presentation

Erwin Batalla introduced Vice President Anthony Kaduck.

Anthony gave a very interesting presentation on *Exercise Booby Tern XXI – Ornithological Fieldwork with the British Army on Ascension Island.*

The British Army conducts a long-term project to protect and study endemic birds that breed on this remote island. Anthony worked on the project and described the species, the work being done and the insights gained into seabird behavior.

He was thanked by Alexandra Simmons who presented him with a copy of the first edition of the *Birds of Kingston*

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. There were 65 members in attendance.

Minutes prepared by Janis Grant, Recording Secretary,

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