

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held December 21, 2017, Queen's University, 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks

Sandra Simmons welcomed everyone to the December General Meeting, this being the Annual Members' Night and Christmas Social. Sandra thanked Anne Robertson, Jackie Bartnik and Pam McCurdy for organizing and setting up the tables for the Social gathering.

2. Minutes of General Meeting held October 19, 2017

Call was made for any errors or omissions to the November Minutes; there were none.

3. Member's Observations

- Jackie Bartnik reported that Bald Eagles were landing in her trees at Point St. Mark
- A Peregrine Falcon has been seen on the top floor of Botterell Hall on the side facing Barrie St.
- Richard Breault watched a Bald Eagle and a Raven soaring peacefully together in close proximity over Lemoine Point
- Kevin Bleeks has observed a Northern Shrike a few times on Gore Rd. by the Army/Navy Club.
- Nancy Bayly saw 3 male Bluebirds on the K&P Trail by Burbrook Rd.
- Gaye Beckwith and others found 2 Great Blue Herons in Sydenham and Kingston Mills during a recent bird count.
- Nancy Spencer saw swans of unknown species in Elevator Bay

4. Natural Heritage Plan for Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington

Lesley Rudy spoke for a few minutes about how she and others are working on a Natural Heritage Plan for the Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington. This plan will appear on the website (<http://www.landconservancykfla.org/>). The Land Conservancy received an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant as part of this program. A publication entitled "We Need Nature" was produced in booklet form, copies were made available.

5. Upcoming Events:

Members were reminded of field trips, rambles, and bird counts that are scheduled for the near future.

6. Members' Presentations:

Digital Slide Presentations given by members were:

- John Allen, birds in Costa Rica
- Neil Ball, water and reflections of birds and animals in wetland settings
- Jackie Bartnik, photos taken during her trip north through Anchorage, Alaska, through Denali, Sedgeway, and on to Vancouver.
- Mike Baird, birds in Nova Scotia and Kingston area
- Bruce Elliott, photos of nature and night sky from local sites and dark sky sites
- Janet Elliott, photos of an Eastern Water Snake eating a catfish.
- Rose-Marie Burke, various photos of nature from local areas
- Diane Croteau, birds from local and regional areas
- Kevin Bleeks, photos of birds and animals from the Chobe River in Africa
- Shirley French, videos taken on a trail cam at Cranberry Lake

Erwin Batalla thanked the presenters. The meeting adjourned to the Social gathering at 8:47 p.m.

There were 46 people in attendance.