

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists,
April 19, 2018, Queen's University, 7:30 p.m.**

1. Opening Remarks

President Alexandra Simmons welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting. She thanked Anthony Kaduck and Lynn Kerr for providing refreshments. The evening's agenda was reviewed.

2. Minutes of General Meetings held December 15, 2017, January 18, February 15 and March 15, 2018

All minutes above are posted on KFN's website. The President asked if there were errors or omissions in these previous minutes. There were none.

Motion:** Moved by Anthony Kaduck, seconded by Jackie Bartnik that the minutes of all four meetings be accepted. **Carried

3. Member's Observations

-Erwin Batalla reported that a Northern Shrike and a Snowy Owl are still resident at Lemoine Point.

-Lynn Bell reported seeing an otter crossing the ice on Wolfe Island. Today he saw 11 Loons on highway 33, west of Bath.

-Mabyn Armstrong saw a Bufflehead in Collins Bay from the grounds of Edith Rankin church.

-Jackie Bartnik saw 2 Loons in the Cataraqui River at Barriefield as well as a Wild Turkey, 4 Turkey Vultures and an Osprey displaying breeding behavior.

-Peter Waycik saw a heronry north of Gananoque with 4 occupied nests.

-John Allen reported a sad conclusion to a Black Swan found here 3 summers ago. He met a man who observed a Mute Swan chase it into an inlet on a lake north of Kingston and hold it under water until it drowned.

-2 Woodcock in Bedford Mills, were seen behaving strangely. He was unable to determine if they were courting or fighting. A snowy Owl was also seen on 9th concession road west of Westport.

-Mike Baird has a female Cooper's Hawk visiting his bird feeder.

-A Yellow Bellied Sapsucker was seen a few days ago.

-Gaye Beckwith has seen Loons at the ice edge on Sydenham Lake. The lake is 90% ice covered. He also saw 3 otters.

-An Osprey was seen at Taylor Kidd & Centennial Drive.

-Maureen Addis saw a Killdeer and a Phoebe at Bell Rock Road.

- Janis Grant worried that Tree Swallows seen on the Martin Edward Reserve April 10 may not have survived the ice storm on the following weekend.
- Chris Hargreaves saw between 50 & 100 Tree Swallows at Collins Bay on Saturday.
- Anthony Kaduck advised members to go to the inner harbor south of Belle Island to see Ring Necked Ducks and Redheads, which are numerous there at this time.

4. Upcoming Events

- Please see the Newsletter for a list of upcoming events.
- The Limestone Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association, as part of their AGM, is offering a walk to explain how to encourage wildlife on your private property. See their website for further details.

5. Turtles Kingston

Alexandra explained that there are many areas of high mortality for turtles around Kingston because we have numerous wetlands concentrated around roads. The city has installed mitigating measures in several places but not yet at Highway 2 at Westbrook, over Collins Creek. Mabyn Armstrong from Turtles Kingston was introduced. Turtles Kingston will do foot patrols in 2018 to generate information on mortality at this site. She asked for interested volunteers to contact her after the meeting. Maybyn's contact information can be found in the Newsletter or on Facebook at *Turtles Kingston*.

6. Annual General Meeting

- a) 2017-18 Treasurer's Report and 2018-19 Budget – See attached. These reports will also be published in the June Blue Bill.

Treasurer Larry McCurdy presented the Treasurer's Report and Budget. There will be 2 major expenses this year i.e. the acquisition of the Sylvester Property and creation of a redesigned website. These will result in a slight deficit, which is well within the club's ability to manage. Larry emphasized that the club's finances are healthy.

Motion:

Moved by Anne Robertson, seconded by Anthony Kaduck that the proposed budget be adopted.

Carried.

- b) 2017-18 President's Report

President Alexandra Simmons explained that detailed reports from executive members will be published in the June Blue Bill. She listed the offices and occupants of the present executive and explained their roles. In particular, she thanked Kurt Hennige for his many years of service to the KFN executive as he finishes this year as Past President. Diane Lawrence was thanked for all her help in running the Junior and Teen programs this year while Anne Robertson was indisposed. Mark Read was thanked for stepping in to the Blue Bill publisher's duties when incumbent, James Barber, relocated.

- c) Nominating Committee Report

Committee Chair Kurt Hennige thanked committee members Carolyn Bonta and Janis Grant for their assistance. He called for nominations from the floor. There were none. He then presented the following list of executive members for 2018-19:

- **2018-19 Officers**
 - Honorary President: Ron Weir
 - President: Anthony Kaduck
 - Past President: Alexandra Simmons
 - Vice President: Kenneth Edwards
 - Treasurer: Larry McCurdy
 - Recording Secretary: Janis Grant
 - Membership Secretary: John Critchley
 - Editor of Blue Bill: Peter Waycik
 - Junior Naturalists: Anne Robertson
- **Committee Chairs**
 - Bird Records: Mark Read
 - Conservation: Chris Hargreaves
 - Education: Shirley French
 - Field Trips: Gaye Beckwith
 - Nature Reserves: Erwin Batalla
- **Members-at-large**
 - Janet Elliott
 - Polly Aiken
 - Jackie Bartnik
 - Lesley Rudy
 - John Donihee

Motion:

Moved by Peter Good, seconded by Carolyn Bonta that the proposed executive be accepted.

Carried

Motion:

*Moved by Anthony Kaduck, seconded by Larry McCurdy that Alexandra Simmons be thanked for her excellent work as KFN President from 2014 – 2018. **Carried***

7. Feature Presentations:

Executive members Janis Grant and Anne Robertson gave the following short slide presentations:

Janis Grant: Spring on the Gulf Coast

Anne Robertson: Spring in South Africa

Unfortunately these presentations were marred by a mal-functioning projector which distorted the quality of the coloured slides.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. There were 75 members in attendance.

8. Addenda