

**THE OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

June 20, 2011

Fletcher Wildlife Garden Interpretation Centre, CEF, Ottawa, 7:00 p.m.

Chair: Ann MacKenzie

Council Members Present: Annie Bélair, Dan Brunton, Barbara Chouinard, David Hobden, Diane Kitching, Diane Lepage, Karen McLachlan Hamilton, Frank Pope, Henry Steger, Ken Young

Council Members Absent: Fenja Brodo, Carolyn Callaghan, Julia Cipriani, Sandy Garland, Rémy Poulin, Jeff Saarela, Jeff Skevington, Chris Traynor, Eleanor Zurbrigg

1. Minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting

Moved by A. Bélair/D. Brunton that the
May 16 minutes be accepted as distributed

Carried

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- a. Henry wrote the notice to invite members to contact him if they want to be included in the Club Directory. He sent it to Karen and Carolyn for publication for T&L and the CFN.

3. Committee Reports

Since Council members had a potluck dinner for the first part of the meeting, committee reports were not presented as usual. Reports for the Birds Committee, the FWG the Macoun Club, were received by email prior to the meeting and are attached in [Annex 1](#).

4. Modified Agenda

A) New Bookkeeper B. Chouinard

Since Jim Ward is retiring from his various duties with the OFNC, the finance committee found a new bookkeeper to replace him.

Motion: That the OFNC issue a contract Mosher Bookkeeping to maintain our financial records, advise on ways to make our system more time and cost effective, and prepare financial statements in a format ready to send to the accountant at year-end.

Moved by B. Chouinard/K. Young

Carried

B) Club Phone

Since Marilyn Ward is retiring from her duties answering the OFNC's phone, notices have been posted on the website and in T&L to ask if someone would be interested in taking over. For now, the greeting message on the answering message refers callers to the website.

C) Memberships

Ann received an email from the Canadian Museum of Nature ([see Annex 2](#)). As of September 1, 2011, OFNC members get a one month extension on their Museum of Nature membership. Council proposed to give a \$4 discount (approximately 10%) on an OFNC membership to Museum members.

Motion: That the OFNC give a \$4.00 discount to members of the Museum of Nature when they purchase or renew their OFNC memberships. This promotion will be indicated on the membership renewal form.

Moved by H. Steger/D. Lepage

Carried

D) E-Memberships for Students

A discussion on offering free OFNC memberships to college and university students was started on BigTent. The current proposal is to offer a free membership which includes all privileges members get, the electronic version of CFN and the activity list; they would not receive the T&L as it is not available electronically.

This will be confirmed at the September 2011 meeting.

Some publicity will need to be done: in the T&L and CFN, on the OFNC website, and at the faculties, via the professors.

E) Code of Conduct

Diane Lepage is proposing that Council adopt a Code of Conduct for club members and one for Council/committee members. She had circulated drafts to Council prior to the meeting. Council members indicated that a point for email/social network should be included.

Ann said that the Codes of Conduct can be considered over the summer and be presented to Council in the fall for a decision.

F) Publications D. Brunton

See [Annex 3](#) for report.

Regarding PDF reprints of CFN articles:

Motion: That the OFNC provide a PDF of CFN articles to each lead author free of charge, effective at the time of publication of the next issue of CFN.

Moved by D. Brunton/D. Hobden

Carried

G) OMNR and the Falconry Regulatory Proposal

Council members were strongly opposed to the proposal from the Ontario

Ministry of Natural Resources to authorize the taking of some species of raptors from the wild for use in falconry activities.

Motion: That:

- a) a notice be placed on the OFNC website, and our Facebook page to encourage OFNC members to write to the OMNR to voice their opposition to the proposal;
- b) a similar letter be sent to the minister of natural resources by the OFNC President.

Moved by K. Young/D. Brunton

Carried

H) W. E. Saunders Natural History Award

The OFNC is proud to announce that Christine Hanrahan has been awarded the W. E. Saunders Natural History Award by Ontario Nature.

5. Motion to adjourn:

Moved by D. Hobden/B. Chouinard that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: September 19, 2011, Fletcher Wildlife Garden Interpretation Centre, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa

Recording Secretary: A. Bélair

Meetings in 2011:

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 12

BIRDS COMMITTEE
Monthly Report to Council
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The major business from Birds Committee that council needs to look at is Ken Young's proposal regarding the taking of wild raptors for falconry use. Our committee strongly opposes this sneaky proposal and endorses the wording in Ken's message. We believe the president should add the OFNC's voice to this issue. Other than that, the committee has been doing work on the historical database of bird sightings in the Ottawa area with the goal of a new checklist. Still nothing to report from the falcon watch either as for the second year in a row it looks like we will have infertile eggs.

Chris Traynor,
Chair, Birds Committee

FLETCHER WILDLIFE GARDEN COMMITTEE
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The 2011 season is now well under way. There are three volunteer groups operating as follows:

- Friday morning, working on the backyard garden and invasive species removal and replacement
- Tuesday morning, working on invasive species
- Wednesday evening, working on the butterfly meadow, including preparation of a monarch WayStation

All of them could use more volunteers.

Other groups have come from the University of Ottawa and Price-Waterhouse and worked mainly on invasive species projects, including tree planting.

We have bought plants for the butterfly meadow and trees to replace buckthorn that had been removed in the past year.

The annual native plant sale raised about \$2600. Given the absence of Jim Ward I had to deposited money to the FWG account myself and delivered the receipt to the treasurer. We still have plants for sale. See the FWG web site for a list and how to buy them.

Tremayne Stanton-Kennedy, an established Friday morning volunteer is working

for us part-time through the summer. Currently she is at the garden Wednesdays and Fridays.

David Hobden.
Representative, Fletcher Wildlife Garden

MACOUN FIELD CLUB
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We have had two indoor meetings, an end-of-year party, and one field trip since our last report to Council. The advantages of having our meetings at the FWG were apparent for both meetings, when we had indoor talks/presentations (Hume Douglas on beetles, and Peter Hall on butterflies) followed by hands-on experience outdoors. When Hume took us outside, the cool day and wet vegetation did not yield many insects except for click beetles, of which there were lots! We were a little more successful with butterflies, and for many members it was quite exciting to see the beauty of some of the smaller butterflies that are usually quite hard to identify when you simply see them flitting past. The field trip was to the Study Area. We used a different route, starting at the Old Quarry Trail on Eagleson Road and walking east to end at P6 under the hydro lines on Richmond Road (our usual meeting and pick-up spot). We saw a fawn and several adult deer.

The end-of year party (including food!) at the FWG was enjoyed by members and their families, and we distributed the 2010-2011 edition of *The Little Bear*.

We will resume activities in September after Labour Day, though there may be occasional special field trips in July and August.

Diane Kitching,
Representative, Macoun Field Club

Copy of email received from the Museum of Nature

From: Marissa Croteau <Mcroteau@mus-nature.ca>
To: annmackenzie@rogers.com; Debra Beattie <DBeattie@mus-nature.ca>
Sent: Wed, May 25, 2011 10:43:36 AM
Subject: Membership Promotion for OFNC

Ann, please see below for the text that you can post to your website come September.

Marissa

We are happy to invite all Ottawa Field Naturalists Club members to become [members](#) of the Canadian Museum of Nature. When you activate a membership you will get one additional month to enjoy all of the [benefits](#) of membership. Visit the Museum of Nature to activate your membership now! Please use the promo code "OFNC – 2011" in reference to this promotion at the point of purchase, or print this email and bring it with you. You can also join [online](#). Enter the same promo code in the field that says "Special Shipping Instructions or Comments". Please call 613-566-4271 if you have any difficulties or to activate your membership immediately.

C'est avec plaisir que nous invitons tous les membres du Ottawa Field Naturalists Club à devenir [membres](#) du Musée canadien de la nature. L'activation d'une adhésion vous donne droit à un mois additionnel gratuits, et vous permettra de bénéficier davantage de tous les [bénéfices](#) de l'adhésion.

Visitez le Musée canadien de la nature maintenant pour activer votre adhésion!
Veuillez utiliser le code de promotion «OFNC-2011 » relativement à cette promotion sur le lieu de vente, ou imprimez ce courriel et apportez-le.
Vous pouvez également nous joindre [en ligne](#). Inscrivez le même numéro de code de promotion dans le champ qui indique :
« Instructions spéciales de livraison ou Commentaires ». Si vous éprouvez des difficultés, ou pour activer votre adhésion immédiatement, veuillez composer le 613-566-4271.

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
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The latest Publication Committee meeting was held 6 June 2011; major issues addressed included the following:

CFN administration

- reviewed rearrangement of CFN Manager role proposed in communications between President Ann MacKenzie and Jay Fitzsimmons;
- general agreement that working towards clearer separation of the specialized CFN administration functions from the general OFNC functions) are workable and appropriate;
- Jay F. will meet with other appropriate OFNC administrative people to work out and document a clearer administrative pathway.

Advertising in T&L and CFN

- general consensus that advertizing in Club publications is probably worthwhile and would not present a problem for contemporary readers increasingly exposed to advertizing on web pages, etc.;
- Karen H. will make preliminary enquiries regarding advertising approaches of some comparable publications.

Publication schedule

- Volume 124 issues have been delayed beyond previous forecast; as of 6 June meeting, 124(3) was finished and expected to be at the printer by 10 June; 124(4) is close to being finished and is expected to be mailed by 30 June;
- discussed earlier stated intention (February 2011 meeting) to proceed with release of 125(1) in advance of last issue of 124 if the process was so delayed as to be compromising the new editor's need to get 125 issues out in a timely and appropriate manner; majority committee view was that this would be difficult for libraries and we should publish in sequence, regardless of the release date;
- decision was to post the electronic version of 125(1) as soon as it is available - ca. 1 July but hold off on formal publication of the issue (the hard copy version) until after all of 124 has been produced.

PDF reprints of CFN articles

- role of electronic and hard copy reprints was discussed, recognizing the dramatic and continuing decline in the demand for hard copy reprints;
- also recognized that virtually anyone could produce their own PDF of any article;
- providing a free PDF of each article to its author(s) is an approach being employed by a growing number of comparable journals; the Ctee agreed that

freer dissemination of the material supports our primary goal of maximizing the exposure of research published in the CFN; this could be achieved with only the short-term loss of declining PDF sales; provision of free PDF copies of papers could also be promoted in Instructions to Contributors as an incentive to potential authors.

Council to be asked to authorize the provision of free PDF s to the authors of CFN papers; pre-arranged hard copy reprints would also still be available to authors on a cost-recoverable basis (Dan to discuss with Finance Ctee and bring issue to Council).

Storage of CFN Back Issues

- Paul C. has obtained the boxes of CFN back issue copies from Jim Ward=s residence and placed them in storage at the Saunders Bldg, CEF; although this is an unofficial arrangement it seems secure for the foreseeable future.

Manning Fund Acknowledgement in CFN

- Carolyn will determine an appropriate method for acknowledging the contribution of The Manning Fund to particular papers in CFN; this acknowledgment is recognized as important for 1) recognizing the generous and important contribution Tom Manning=s bequest continues to make to the study of Canadian natural sciences and 2) encouraging other like minded OFNC members and CFN subscribers to consider comparable bequests.

Dan Brunton
Chair, Publications Committee