

**THE OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)
MINUTES OF MEETING**

December 12, 2016

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

Chair: Fenja Brodo

Directors Present: Annie Bélair, Lynn Ovenden, Gordon Robertson, Henry Steger, Ken Young, Barry Cottam, Eleanor Zurbrigg, Ted Farnworth, Ann MacKenzie, Jakob Mueller, Owen Clarkin, Diane Kitching, Rémy Poulin, Diane Lepage

Directors Absent: Jeff Saarela,

Bird Committee Liaison: Mark Patry

1) Minutes of the November 21, 2016 Meeting

Moved by Lynn Ovenden/Jakob Mueller that the November 21 minutes be accepted.

CARRIED

2) Business arising from the November meeting

- a) New name for building: deferred to the next meeting.

3) Communications

- a) National Capital Bioblitz. The Friends of Gatineau Park want to organize a bioblitz in Gatineau Park this summer, as Ottawa-Gatineau's project in a national sesquicentennial program under development by the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF). OFNC is welcome to partner with the Friends. Annie Bélair is familiar with CWF's program and will liaise for OFNC.

Moved by Diane Lepage/Owen Clarkin that OFNC partner with the Friends of Gatineau Park and Canadian Wildlife Federation on a Gatineau Park bioblitz.

CARRIED

4) Annual Reports of OFNC Committees

All reports have been distributed to Directors for review and approval, by Dec.24. The reports will be published in CFN along with the minutes of the 2015 ABM and the 2016 financial statement. There was some discussion of the pros and cons of recording OFNC's annual report in CFN vs T&L.

5) Committee Reports

- a) Awards – Eleanor Zurbrigg

Eleanor presented the committee's nominations for OFNC 2016 awards.

Moved by Eleanor Zurbrigg/Rémy Poulin that Directors elect Dr. John McNeill to Honorary Membership in the Club.

CARRIED

Moved by Eleanor Zurbrigg/ Barry Cottam that Directors approve the following nominees for OFNC awards for 2016:

Member of the Year – Gordon Robertson

George McGee Service Award – Sandra Garland

Conservation Award – Member – Richard Waters

Conservation Award – Non-Member – City of Ottawa (Julia Robinson, Wes Taylor)

CARRIED

A proposal for a new award recognizing service to the Canadian Field Naturalist was discussed. Directors suggest that Publications Committee develop the idea further, either by differentiating it from the George McGee Service Award, or as an award or letter of thanks that would come from the Publications Committee itself.

b) Birds – Mark Patry

Mark will ask Anouk if she can attend the BoD meeting on February 27. Directors are disappointed that the Ottawa Citizen is no longer publishing local freelance articles, including Bruce Dilabio's weekly bird column. Fenja will ask Sandy to post this info on the website. She wrote to the Citizen to express OFNC's disappointment.

c) Conservation – Owen Clarkin

The committee is planning more How-to articles for the website and T&L.

d) Events – Jakob Mueller

The winter program is posted to the website.

e) FWG – Ted Farnworth

The potluck brunch for volunteers on Nov.27 was a success. Ted is ordering seeds for Budd Gardens to grow up this winter, for replanting the south slope of the amphibian pond next spring-summer.

f) Ontario Nature – Gord Robertson

The regional meeting will be at FWG on April 15.

6) New Business

a) If Diane decides to cancel a board meeting due to weather, she will do it by email by 2pm.

b) Directors wish to alter regular schedule to avoid meeting on Family Day and Easter Monday.

c) The board will discuss "diversity" at its next meeting.

d) Fenja expressed satisfaction with her time as President over the past 4 years. Henry thanked her on everyone's behalf.

7) Motion to adjourn by Lynn Ovenden/Diane Lepage. **CARRIED**

Recording Secretary: Lynn Ovenden

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Upcoming Meetings:

January 10: Annual Business Meeting (at FWG)

January 16

February 27 (not Family Day)

March 20

April 10 (not Easter Monday)

May 15

June 19

Fenja Brodo
President
Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

Date

Lynn Ovenden
Recording Secretary
Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

Date