

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

**January 21, 2013**

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

**Chair:** Fenja Brodo

**Council Members Present:** Annie Bélair, Owen Clarkin, Barry Cottam, Ian Davidson, Don Hackett, David Hobden, Diane Kitching, Lynn Ovenden, Ken Young, Eleanor Zurbrigg

**Council Members Absent:** Dan Brunton, Caroline Callaghan, Barbara Chouinard, Karen McLachlan Hamilton, Diane Lepage, Ann MacKenzie, Rémy Poulin, Jeff Skevington, Henry Steger

**1. Minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting**

**Moved by** A. Bélair/K. Young that the  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> minutes be accepted as distributed.

**Carried**

**2. Business Arising from Last Minutes**

- a. Shell "Fuelling Change" Fund: Barry explained that the FWG committee will gather background information and get a proposal ready for Council in May 2013; the deadline for applying for this year is in July.
- b. We postponed the discussion on ways to communicate rapidly to members when issues arise, especially with regard to scheduled excursions. Council members are encouraged to bring suggestions to the table.

**3. List of Committee Members for 2013**

The committee rosters need to be published in the spring issue of T&L.

**ACTIONS:** All committee chairs to email rosters to Annie prior to the February Council meeting; Annie to compile and bring to the meeting for approval.

**4. Starting Time of Council Meeting**

Fenja asked Council members if they would prefer starting the meetings at 7:30 pm. Council members present agreed that 7:00 pm is best.

**5. Council Meeting Dates in 2013**

Council members agreed on dates for the meetings in 2013; see list at the end of minutes.

**ACTION:** Annie to contact Sandy Garland and reserve the FWG building on these dates.

**6. Nature Canada and the BirdLife World Congress 2013 to be held in Ottawa**

Ian, as the Executive Director of Nature Canada, gave an overview of what the BirdLife World Congress will be like and asked if the OFNC could provide volunteers. This Congress is not open to the public and is by invitation only.

The official opening will be on the night of June 19 and the Congress will run until the 22<sup>nd</sup>; there will be 3 days of internal strategic planning on June 17-19.

Ian explained that Eagle Eye Tours will be handling post-Congress excursions and that they hoped that the OFNC could provide leaders for local, early morning trips involving one or two bus loads of registrants. Help might also be needed at the Congress Centre throughout the event. Council added that the Club des ornithologues de l'Outaouais should be involved as well. Fenja indicated that in recognition for their support, the volunteers should be allowed to attend some sessions of the congress for free.

The OFNC is also invited to set up booths at the Congress; Council suggested having booths on the Club, on FalconWatch and on the CFN.

**ACTIONS:**

- a. Ian to send the brochure of the BirdLife World Congress in PDF format to Council members.
- b. Ian to write a proposal describing the needs for volunteers and send to Fenja; Fenja to forward proposal to the appropriate people.
- c. The selected group should meet to start planning the details.

**7. Conservation Committee** O. Clarkin

Owen said that the committee has been quite busy; he wished to report on these 2 points to Council:

- a. **House Cats:** As there is more and more media and public attention on free-roaming house (and feral) cats and the number of birds and small mammals they kill, the Conservation Committee is advising Council to decide on a position towards this issue.

**ACTION:** Owen to present the recommendation of the Conservation Committee to Council in February.

- b. **Expansion of Dam on the Mississippi in Almonte:** Ian Whyte had suggested that the OFNC should send an opinion letter as this expansion proposal may affect the Appleton Wetland ANSI, the rare Rapids Clubtail dragonfly and the American Eel. Council agreed.

**ACTION:** Owen to draft the letter on behalf of the OFNC, send to Fenja for her stamp of approval, and to Council for information.

**8. Publications report**

See [Annex 1](#) for Dan's report.

**9. Motion to adjourn:**

**Moved by** D. Hackett/D. Kitching that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Recording Secretary: A. Bélair

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Meetings in 2013:

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 27 (Not confirmed)

June 17  
September 16  
October 21  
November 18  
December 16

## Publications Report for January 21, 2013

### Recent Meeting

In a meeting on 17 January at the Saunders Bldg, CEF, committee membership for 2013 was confirmed as follows:

Jeff Saarela, Carolyn Callaghan, Frank Pope, Jay Fitzsimmons, Jeff Saarela, Karen McLachlan Hamilton, Paul Catling, Sandy Garland, Tony Gaston, Bill Halliday and Dan Brunton (Chair). Bill Halliday, a Phd student at the University of Ottawa, was invited to join at the meeting. Elizabeth Morton has retired after a number of years of service to the ctee.

### New Issues Published

The printer has completed work on CFN issue 126(3) and it will be circulated within days. Issue 126(4) is scheduled to be in circulation by the end of March, with 127(1) following closely behind and circulated in April. The gratifying increasingly rate of manuscript submissions continues and it is anticipated 100 will be received for the upcoming volume.

### CFN Indexing

Discussion of alternatives to present indexing approaches were held and Bill Halliday will be undertaking a mock-up of an index with a simplified model (key words, authors, title, abstract elements) to determine if this will serve our needs while achieving time and cost savings for the publication process.

### CFN Associate Editors

The CFN Associate Editors for volume 127 were confirmed. They are:

David Nagorsen	Anthony Erskine
Bob Anderson	Francis Cook
Charles D. Bird	Claude Renauld
Paul M. Catling	Tom Jung
Donald F. McAlpine	Dave Seburn
Jennifer Foote	

Ornithologist Jennifer Foote is the most recent addition. Carolyn Callaghan is hoping to secure additional Associate Editors in the coming year both to share the work load and to generate a greater diversity of contributions.

### CFN Endowment Fund

A productive discussion was held concerning the size and scope of the proposed CFN Endowment Fund, the primary goals being identified as supporting the primary publication needs of the journal, increasing the impact of its content, increasing support for students and providing greater support for other OFNC programs. This preliminary concept is being further refined and may be ready for circulation to Council for discussion and feed back in the near future.

Dan Brunton  
Chair