

THE OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 11, 2017

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

Chair: Diane Lepage

Directors Present: Annie Bélair, Gordon Robertson, Henry Steger, Ted Farnworth, Lynn Ovenden, Jakob Mueller, Ann MacKenzie, Diane Kitching, Anouk Hoedeman, Fenja Brodo, Eleanor Zurbrigg, Owen Clarkin

Directors Absent: Jeff Saarela, Rémy Poulin

Birds Committee Liaison: Bob Cermak

1. Minutes of the November 2017 Meeting

Moved by Lynn Ovenden/ Annie Bélair that the November 2017 minutes be accepted.

CARRIED

2. Business arising from minutes

a) Annual reports for most committees were distributed earlier for comment. The remaining report will be distributed later for comment and acceptance.

Moved by Lynn Ovenden/ Annie Bélair to accept the distributed reports, with two corrections.

CARRIED

b) Financial Statements are not yet prepared. Ann will distribute them when she receives them.

3. Communications

The University of British Columbia sent OFNC a thank-you receipt for our contribution to UBC Press. This donation was made to support publication of Birds of Nunavut.

4. Issues for Discussion / Decision

a) Nominations. Fenja Brodo presented the roster of nominees for election at the AGM on January 9.

b) Awards. Eleanor Zurbrigg presented the nominations of the Awards Committee for four awards.

Moved by Eleanor Zurbrigg/ Anouk Hoedeman that Directors approve the following nominees for OFNC awards for 2017:

George McGee Service Award – Julia Cipriani

Conservation Award, Member – David Seburn

Mary Stuart Education Award – Teachers of Regina Street Alternative School

CARRIED

Moved by Eleanor Zurbrigg/ Anouk Hoedeman that Directors approve the following nominee for OFNC's Member of the Year 2017 award – Annie Bélair.

CARRIED (Annie was absent from vote.)

c) Interpretive Centre at Fletcher Wildlife Garden

The FWG Committee recommends naming the building the Fletcher Wildlife Garden Resource Centre.

Moved by Ted Farnworth/ Gord Robertson that the Interpretive Centre be renamed the Fletcher Wildlife Garden Resource Centre.

CARRIED with one abstention, one against

d) Publications from other field naturalist clubs and the Jardin Botanique will be brought to monthly meetings for members who may wish to take them.

e) Constitution and Bylaws. These are out-of-date and should not be visible on the new website until the revision has been completed.

5. Treasurer's Report

A large batch of receipts for donations was prepared and mailed, with help from Bob Bergquist. OFNC receives about 150 donations/year.

6. New Business

The Ottawa Stewardship Council's upcoming workshop will be at FWG; Owen Clarkin will attend.

7. Committee Updates

a) Conservation. Owen informed directors of interesting trees he has seen in some late fall walks in the region: an old-growth red spruce forest, a shingle oak near P19 in the greenbelt, a pin oak at Conroy pit, and a cockspur hawthorn at the Mill Pond Conservation Area.

b) Safe Wings. The city has approved a brochure and it will be printed soon.

8. Motion to adjourn and share refreshments, by Ann MacKenzie/ Diane Lepage. **CARRIED**

Recording Secretary: Lynn Ovenden

Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 9, 2018 AGM

January 15, 2018

February 12, 2018

March 19, 2018

April 16, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 18, 2018

Diane Lepage
President
Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

Date

Lynn Ovenden
Recording Secretary
Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

Date