

**THE OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**May 14, 2018**

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

**Chair:** Diane Lepage

**Directors and Ex Officio Members Present:** Annie Bélair, Gordon Robertson, Bob Cermak, Henry Steger, Jakob Mueller, Diane Kitching, Fenja Brodo, Ted Farnworth, Ken Young, Lynn Ovenden, Ann MacKenzie, Anouk Hoedeman,

**Directors Absent:** Catherine Hessian, Owen Clarkin, Eleanor Zurbrigg, Jeff Saarela

**1. Minutes of the April 2018 Meeting**

**Moved by** Lynn Ovenden, seconded by Jakob Mueller, that the April 2018 minutes be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2. Business arising from minutes**

- a) NatureSketch Program. Diane wrote to the organizers confirming that a Fletcher volunteer would be at the Resource Centre on June 9 in case they need access during the outdoor drawing class.
- b) New Canadians. A few directors will meet with Bonnie of the Ottawa Community Immigrant Settlement Organization (OCICO) on May 16.
- c) Revised policy on requests for use of the FWG Resource Centre. Deferred.
- d) Requests for access to the red barn behind FWG must be directed to Pierre Huppé, AAFC. Recently a request via AAFC Security that the commissionaire unlock the barn door was initially refused, causing the shredding truck hired to dispose of excess CFN copies stored there, to wait one hour.

**3. Communications**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Donation receipts were recently sent to donors. In answer to Anouk's question, Ann noted that the donation letters are in English. Jakob offered to draft a French translation of the donation letters and Annie will check them.

Ann was able to communicate securely with the financial system during her travels. She sent directors her review of expenses to date for FY2018 and is now working on receipts. According to her will, the late Jeanie White bequeathed \$200 to the OFNC.

**5. Issues for Discussion / Decision**

a) Budget for FY2019 (Oct.1, 2018 – Sept.30, 2019)

Ken asked directors to consider the expected needs and income of their committees over the next year and to send him draft committee budgets by August 1. The Finance Committee will compile

them by August 31 for the Boards review in September.

Bob suggested offering an honorarium to the Facebook administrators. He thinks they each spend about an hour/day on the site. Directors appreciate that their work on the Facebook page requires significant time and attention. However, in recognition that many members of the club make comparable contributions to other parts of the Club, directors were disinclined to offer the Facebook administrators an honorarium.

- b) Facebook. Jakob asked directors to answer 3 questions: how many have a Facebook account 7/13, how many access their FB account 7/13, and how many access FB on their phone 4/13. At a future meeting, he will present something on how OFNC could potentially use Facebook.
- c) The June 18 meeting will include time for socializing. Diane will send directors an email.

## 6. Committee Updates

### a) Birds

Bob Cermak and several other directors have received many spam emails since the new website was launched. Gord will remove the hotlinks to their email from the Contacts page of the website.

Henry will now send to both Bob and Chris Traynor the names of new members who indicated a wish to access the Shirley's Bay causeway. Chris will still be the person who relays those names to DND for their reference when people request access to the causeway.

Bob has asked the Facebook admins to refer any questions regarding an upcoming OFNC event to the trip leader. Regarding the huge number of trees cut and chipped at Mud Lake, Anita Vandenbeld, the Liberal MP for Ottawa West-Nepean, recently hosted a community meeting with NCC officials; the NCC will plant 75 trees in the cleared area this spring.

### b) Education and Publicity

About 100 people attended the Jane's Walk at FWG on May 6 for a tour and open house. Gord updated the Trail Map for FWG.

**Moved** by Gord Robertson, seconded by Lynn Ovenden, to recognize Alexandra Brett as a member of the Education and Publicity Committee.

**CARRIED**

**Moved** by Gord Robertson, seconded by Ted Farnsworth, to increase the value of OFNC's sponsorship to the Ontario Nature Youth Summit to \$1200 (2 youth @ \$350 + \$250 for travel).

**CARRIED (one abstention)**

### c) Fletcher Wildlife Garden

This month, Tuesday and Friday morning volunteers are busy preparing for the Native Plant Sale on June 2. For additional parking space during the sale, Ted will ask about using grass near the red barn. Of the 38 inquiries about volunteering that Ted received through Volunteer Ottawa, 4 people

intend to join one of the volunteer groups.

The pond has been used by wood frogs, green frogs, and tree frogs this spring, as well as wood , black and mallard ducks. Ted has asked Drummond Construction to improve drainage and fix the erosion on the new trail south of the pond.

d) Macoun Club

The group made three field trips to the study area this month. A few deer ticks found them this year; Rob collects the ticks. About 12 children attend field trips, about 20 attend indoor meetings.

e) Membership

Henry is using MailChimp to send a monthly email about upcoming events. Of about 750 local OFNC members, about 360 have requested access to the Shirley’s Bay causeway.

f) Safe Wings

Anouk receives many calls now that bird migration is in full season. She was interviewed on radio about a turkey on Slater St., owls on Petrie Island and concerns about windows at the National Gallery. The cumulative number of bird species collected (window collision deaths) is 121, including a Canada Goose and a Turkey Vulture. Anouk gave a talk at a church and participates in the Junior Ambassadors program at the Wild Bird Care Centre.

7. **Motion** to adjourn, by Fenja Brodo. **CARRIED**

Recording Secretary: Lynn Ovenden

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

June 18, 2018

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Diane Lepage  
President  
Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club

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Lynn Ovenden  
Recording Secretary  
Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club

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