

THE OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 11, 2019

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

Chair: Diane Lepage

Directors and Ex Officio Members Present: Annie Bélair, Henry Steger, Owen Clarkin, Diane Kitching, Fenja Brodo, Jeff Saarela, Gordon Robertson, Bev McBride, Jakob Mueller

Directors Absent: Anouk Hoedeman, Catherine Hessian, Bob Cermak, Ted Farnworth, Ann MacKenzie, Eleanor Zurbrigg, Ken Young, Elizabeth Moore

Guests: Susan Phillips (representing Safe Wings), Lynn Ovenden

1. Acceptance of Minutes of the December 2018 Meeting

Moved by Lynn Ovenden, seconded by Bev McBride, acceptance of the January 2019 minutes. **CARRIED**

2. Business Arising from Minutes (none)

3. Communications (none)

4. Treasurer's Report (none)

5. Issues for Discussion/Decisions

(a) FaceBook : Discussion was deferred to the next board meeting, giving time for the website group to consider a FB page and for Jakob to propose guidelines for the FB group.

(b) Territorial land acknowledgement : Gord provided copies of an explanation and sample statements from the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation. He will draft a few statements for consideration at the next meeting, perhaps something to put on the website.

6. Committee Updates.

(a) Awards Committee – Fenja has arranged for catering at Awards Night which is Feb.23.

(b) Education & Publicity – Gord will talk to the Kanata Seniors' Photo Club.

(c) Events – the 4-night, 3-leader, Point Pelee trip is almost full. It will be capped at 40 people or full rooms. The bus is chartered. The committee will meet Feb.21 to plan the spring program.

(d) Fletcher Wildlife Garden – there have been lots of birds and people at the bird feeders.

(e) Macoun – the club met twice indoors but had to cancel an outing due to snowstorm. Jennifer Line has returned and is a new leader in the group.

- (f) Membership – A change to the membership database will allow members to include two email addresses.
- (g) Publications - The April-June 2018 CFN is published. The research grant subcommittee is reviewing the 15 applications that were submitted. Annie has arranged with the “Best Birding Spots” author and photographer to prepare a pdf compilation of the four T&L articles and post it on the website. She asked that approved committee rosters be sent to her by Feb.28. Diane will ask Elizabeth for the rosters and email them to directors for their approval.
- (h) Safe Wings – The annual display of birds killed by building collision will be presented at City Hall at lunch time on March 20. SafeWings has several new members, including volunteers in Kanata and Orleans who can help with rehabilitating injured birds.
- (i) Conservation – The committee met on Jan.31 and decided to survey amphibians and reptiles this year, on about 10 properties. Jakob gave a talk on regional herps. Regarding the Ontario government’s recent Discussion Paper on the Endangered Species Act, the committee posted its concerns about the proposed review (ERO 013-4143) on OFNC’s blog and asks that OFNC submit a letter of comment by March 3. Owen will send directors a draft response for their comment/approval. Directors agreed that all letters, submissions and ERO comments, made in the name of OFNC, should be posted on the website.

There are times when the committee wants to respond to a conservation issue but there is no time to consult and gain the board’s approval of the response. For discussion at the next meeting, Owen will propose a way for the Committee to respond on last-minute issues.

7. Adjournment

Recording Secretary: Lynn Ovenden, for Elizabeth Moore

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Mar. 18, 2019
 Apr. 15, 2019
 May 13, 2019
 June 17, 2019

Diane Lepage President Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club	Date
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Elizabeth Moore Recording Secretary Ottawa Field-Naturalists’ Club	Date
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