

Minutes for Jan.16, 2023 Quinte Field Naturalists

Annual General Meeting of the Membership

7:00pm Centennial Secondary School Cafeteria

While technical difficulties were being resolved Denice Wilkins welcomed over 60 people and reminded them to renew memberships. She announced that the next meeting on Feb27th will feature Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre's Education Director who will explain their education programme. May 18, 2023, the Annual Dinner will be held at Emmanuel United Church. The speaker will be Marilyn Simonds, author of "Woman, Watching" which is about Louise de Kiriline Lawrence, a naturalist, author and nurse. Marilyn's presentation will be an illustrated talk about Louise's life.

1. Elizabeth Churcher **welcomed** all, read the Land Acknowledgement, requested volunteers to bring treats to future meetings. (Sign-up sheet passed around.) The January treats were provided by Beth Ormston and Elizabeth Churcher. Thanks to both.
2. **By-Law Change** to By-law number4. George Thomson provided a hand-out which shows by-law before changes plus **Changes in bold and underlined**. Elizabeth explained the changes.

"By-Law #4 Conveners:

a) The conveners shall be as follows:

1. Program 2. Newsletter 3. Membership 4. Social 5. Environment 6. Outings

b) Conveners shall be elected at the Annual general Meeting to serve two years. Nominations shall be by slate, prepared by the Nominating Committee, but subject to nominations from the floor.

Conveners shall be appointed by the Board to serve for a period of two years.

c) Duties of Conveners:

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5. The Environmental convener shall be concerned with environmental issues as well as being the liaison between Quinte Field Naturalists and Ontario Nature, attend regional meetings and submit associated paperwork.

7. The Marketing and Promotions Convener shall promote the organization and its activities by all means possible as well as maintain and continually seek to increase the number of people on the notify list."

Mike Shaw moved that we accept these changes, seconded by Anne Sutton, motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Shaw presented an Income Statement for 01/01/22 to 12/31/2022. Mike moved and George Thomson seconded to accept this financial report. See last 2 pages.
4. **Election of officers:** Elizabeth, assisted by Lori Borthwick conducted the election of officers, calling for nominations for all positions and explaining those currently holding positions. President, Vacant, Vice President- Vacant, Treasurer, Mike Shaw, Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Churcher,

Recording Secretary, Sharron Blaney. Moved By Bernd Baier, seconded by Bernadette Hymus to approve these officers. Motion carried.

5. **Presentation of Board Members:** The following members were presented as Board Members: John Blaney, Bernd and Catherine Baier, Lori Borthwick, John Lowry, Nancy Stevenson, George Thomson (Past President) Denice Wilkins, Robert Ormston. There were no nominations from the floor. Duties assigned to these board members will be announced at next meeting.
6. **South Shore Joint Initiative-** Dick Bird summarized the progress made by SSJI in its efforts to protect shoreline, marine environment, and land in the south shore of PEC. He explained that the Hudgin-Rose property was purchased by Nature Conservancy of Canada and leased to SSJI for \$1 per year. The Hudgin Log House renovation is expected to be complete by next fall and will be an interpretive centre for the south shore. SSJI continues to raise money for this renovation. The log house is listed as one of the top ten historical renovations in a National Trust competition for a \$50,000 prize. Dick encouraged QFN members to vote on-line daily until Feb 22.
7. **Advocacy:** John Lowry, who has been designated by Nature Conservancy of Canada as one of three Conservation Heroes was congratulated by Elizabeth before his report. John reported that last year he, with help from other members of QFN, collected beer cans, alcohol bottles and pop cans with a total value of \$1525 which he donated to the Nature Conservancy of Canada with a notation that the money go towards local property acquisitions such as Hastings Heritage Junction. By making his donation on giving Tuesday in November the amount donated to NCC was doubled. John is continuing the collection of cans and bottles and welcomes additions from members. Please do not crush beer cans.
8. **Website:** John Lowry announced the QFN website and acknowledged Kyle Blaney for his work in setting it up.
9. **Action against Bill 23:** Lori Borthwick announced that on February 8, 2023 at St. Andrews Church Picton, there will be another event protesting Bill 23 and its threat to the wetlands of the Quinte region. This event will include a wetland photo presentation by Phil Norton, guest speakers Brad McNevin and Mike Schreiner, leader of the Green Party of Ontario. Meeting begins at 11am and will include a light lunch.
10. **Draw for prizes:** Three lucky people won prizes: 2 books and a Blue Jays fanny pack.
11. **Speaker:** Kyle Blaney "Tales of a Canadian Explorer": George Thomson introduced Kyle explaining Kyle's dedication as a citizen scientist who has thousands of entries on iNaturalist and ebird. Kyle entertained and inspired his audience with his tales of making the best of things, explaining how a three-week trip to British Columbia cut short by a positive Covid test led to a one-week adventure in Alberta. His philosophy of keeping things simple and appreciating the basics is one that can serve well in any circumstance. His excellent bird photos and tips on bird photography led to questions from the audience. Ted Pordham thanked Kyle and hoped Kyle would return after his next adventure.

Quinte Field Naturalists Association
Balance Sheet As at 12/31/2022

ASSETS

Assets

Cash & Cheques on hand	0.00	
Petty Cash	180.00	
BMO Bank	8,874.72	
Total Bank and Cash		9,054.72
Accounts Receivable		0.00
Total Assets		9,054.72

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LIABILITIES

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	51.14	
Prepaid Income	0.00	
Total Liabilities	51.14	

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EQUITY

Members Equity		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	7,441.48	
Current Earnings	1,562.10	
Total Members Equity	9,003.58	

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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 9,054.72

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Income Statement 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

REVISED

REVENUE

Revenue	
Annual Dinner	
Baillie Birdathon	0.00
Bequests	0.00
Coffee etc.	0.00
Donations	64.90
Boston Pizza Fundraiser	316.23
Hastings Stewardship Council	0.00
Treasure Table	0.00
Monthly Draw	100.00
Turtle ICU's	1,020.00
Interest Inc.	0.00
Memberships	2,185.00
Misc. Income	0.00
Total Revenue	3,686.13
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EXPENSE

Expenses	
Advertising	0.00
Annual Dinner	0.00
Bank Charges	48.00
Club Awards	0.00
Documentary Film Festival	0.00
Printing	9.61
Hall Rental	5.65
Insurance	631.80
Memberships	83.00
Misc. Expense	255.99
Sponsorship	0.00
Donations	600.00
Postage	2.66
Recording Sec'y. Exp.	0.00
Speaker's Honorarium	150.00
Speaker's Expense	0.00
Turtle ICU's	337.32
Total Expenses	2,124.03
 TOTAL EXPENSE	 2,124.03

NET INCOME

1,562.10

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