

Minutes of Quinte Field Naturalists Meeting of the Membership

Centennial Secondary School Cafeteria

Feb.27, 2023 at 7pm

Submitted by Sharron Blaney

1. Elizabeth Churcher welcomed the group. 44 people attended.
2. Land Acknowledgement by Elizabeth.
3. Housekeeping:
 - a) Procedure for cancelling due to weather: Announcement by email or on radio by 4pm on the day of meeting.
 - b) Washrooms information
 - c) Next meeting Monday March 20, 2023, at 7 pm with presentation about beaver management
 - d) Fund raising dinner: May 18, 2023, Emmanuel United Church, Foxboro. Speaker is Marilyn Simonds, author of "Woman, Watching", a biography of Louise de Kiriline Lawrence, a nurse and ornithologist.
 - e) Snacks provided by Debi Butler and Bernadette Hymus. Thanks to both. Sheet circulated for donations of treats in April.
4. Financial report. No report given.
5. Announcement of conveners. There are two vacancies: Marketing and Social. Current Conveners are:
Nancy Stevenson - Membership
Catherine and Bernd Baier – Outings and Facebook
Lori Borthwick and John Lowry - Advocacy, Environment and Liaison with Ontario Nature
John Lowry (Kyle Blaney) - Website
John Blaney – Newsletter
6. Advocacy: John Lowry announced that the new Wollaston Township had voted to retain Nellie Lunn Park.
7. Draw: John L presented prizes to 3 lucky winners.
8. John L introduced Greg Parsons, who has volunteered to convene a committee to raise funds for more tree planting. Greg had ideas for possible fundraisers such as a plant sale or simply asking friends for donations. Applications to Home Hardware can be made later to be used next year.

9. Sightings: Members reported seeing red-winged blackbirds, cedar waxwings and wild turkeys. John Blaney congratulated Elizabeth for her excellent interview on CBC Radio regarding Belleville City Council's disappointing reversal of purchase of land on Bakelite property.
10. Denice Wilkins introduced Jess Pelow, Education Co-ordinator for Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre. Jess helped us understand the work she does and presented a video made especially for QFN to show us how the money we donate to them is used to help turtles. Jess received a cheque for \$300.
11. Dan Guenther thanked Jess for her informative and interesting presentation.
12. Elizabeth wished everyone a safe drive home in the snow.