**Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection**

**Annual General Meeting**

November 27, 2016

Start: 4:44 pm

Attendees: Mary Asselstine, Rachel Miller, Donna Parrish, Dave Halliwell, Eric Leon, Michele Williamson, Sheila Kelly, Brenda See, Angela Rose, Chris Somerville, Joe DeSouza (arrived late)

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1. **Selection of Recording Secretary**

Mary offered to take the minutes of the meeting.

Moved: Eric

2nd: Donna

Approved.

1. **Minutes from AGM 2015**

The minutes were reviewed with no comment.

Moved: Eric

2nd: Brenda

Approved.

1. **Activity Report**

The activity report was presented by Eric. The group hosted 10 events and projects, and one citizen science program.

The report was moved to receive.

 Moved: Eric

 2nd: Dave

 Approved.

1. **Environmental Stewardship Report**

Mary presented the Environmental stewardship report including reporting on the status of frogs and birds, invasive species, and challenges of dog walkers, high chloride levels, and vandalism. She also updated the group on the “Hughie’s Cathedral” project. There was a long discussion on the work behind plaza that is pumping storm water into the wetland.

 The report was moved to receive.

 Move: Donna

 2nd: Eric

 Approved.

1. **Treasurers Report**

The treasurer’s report was presented by Eric and Brenda. There was a small adjustment required to balance with the bank balance.

 Move: Mary

 2nd: Eric

 Approved.

1. **Budget**

The budget was presented by Eric.

 Move: Donna

 2nd: Dave

 Approved.

1. **Media Relation**

 The report on Media Relations was deferred to the next executive meeting.

1. **Future Planning Direction**

Mary gave a verbal presentation on future planning direction. She presented 2 concerns. The first is that there is not a lot of forward movement on community projects that encourage nature connection. Secondly she is worried about filling future positions on the executive as many long-time members are wanting to step back. Michele applauded the work of the group and encouraged the group to build on that past. Angela suggested that the group expand partnerships and talked about an initiative called Science Literacy Week. Help is needed to make changes. How do we tap into new people in community? It was suggested that we become active on the Schomberg Community Group Facebook page.

1. **Election of Officers**

Chair: Charles Cooper

Vice Chair: Eric Leon

Treasurer: Dave Halliwell

Recording Secretary: Mary Asselstine

Membership Secretary: vacant

Media Relations Director: Angela Rose

Member-at-Large: Sheila Kelly, Joe DeSouza, Brenda See, Jenn Bedford

Moved: Donna

 2nd: Joe

 Approved.

In order to support the new executive meetings were moved to Thursday evening (2nd Thursday of the month).

**Moved to adjourn. 6:06 pm**