**Dufferin Marsh Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Jan. 14, 2014**

**Grackle Coffee House**

**Present were:** Charles, Eric, Greg, Mary, Brenda, Liz, Sheila, Jenn, Linda, Nadia O’Rourke

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8:00 p.m.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Review of November 12, 2013 minutes**

**Mary** moved to adopt the minutes with revisions. Seconded by Charles. Carried.

**2. Main St. Christmas Chestnut Sales**

Eric reported that our 55 lbs of chestnuts sold out by about 6:45.

It was noted that we had little spoilage this year as they were fresh and also cut easier during prep.

Eric felt that having 3 people “manning” the booth worked well during the busy period.

Mary said that our location near the Presbyterian Church, our electrical source, worked out well.

**Brenda** will report the net amount of proceeds to Linda to add to the minutes. ($179)

After a discussion of increasing our supply for next year, Mary stated that adding another 10 lbs is likely our threshold.

**3. Marsh Skate Feb. 8, (event 3 – 6 p.m.)**

The task list from last year was reviewed and updated:

**Mary**  fire pit, compostable cups

 **Liz**  wood

 **Sheila**  carpet, bench

 **Charles** bench

 **Eric/Charles**  hot chocolate – Tim’s; coffee – Grackle

 **Eric**  newspaper ad, toboggan

 **Brenda** table

 **Jenn**  donation sign

 **Linda**  food, condiments, marshmallows

**Mary** will contact Donna to do a poster.

**Mary/Greg** will look into availability of a Twp water pump to flood the surface.

**Charles/Greg** will check the ice on Friday Jan. 17 to determine if it can handle Tom Farr’s snowblower, then decide if/when to clear/flood.

**Sheila** will talk to Tom Farr if it seems we will need his help to clear the ice.

A poll of those present revealed that we will have enough people to cover.

**4. Community Awareness of Stewardship Activities in King**

Mary said she thought this event would be an Open House format

Feb. 23 at 2p.m., King City Library.

**Charles** will contact Susan Swail to find out what it’s about.

**5. Review AGM items**

These were covered at the Nov. 12 meeting.

**6. Membership Update**

Deferred

**7. King Corp of Citizens Scientists**

Deferrred

**8. DMC Tent repair**

**Mary** will deliver the tent to **Eric** for repair.

**9. Wine Tasting**

Deferred

**10. Water Quality Monitoring**

No new information

**11. 2014 Events List**

Dates were reviewed and updated as known.

Of note:

Jan. 23 7 p.m. Honey Bees wkshop Schomberg Libr.

Feb. 27 7 p.m. Permaculture wkshop Schomberg Libr.

Mar. 29 8 p.m. Earth Hour Bonfire

Apr. 19 9 a.m. DM Cleanup

May 25 6:30 a.m. Fair Wkend Bird Walk

**New Business**

**DM Website Issues**

Liz noted that the email address on our site for membership inquiries is incorrect.

**Charles** will correct it in consultation with Liz.

A brief discussion was held regarding options and methods to simplify dues payments for members, such as PayPal (carries 2% fee) or email transfer capabilities.

**Mary** will forward the Membership Box to Liz, and also provide her most recent membership list to Liz, Eric and Charles.

**DMC Identity Issues**

Mary outlined our discussion from the Nov. meeting where we voted to hold a second monthly Executive Meeting to discuss the future of the group.

Liz suggested a one day brainstorming meeting instead, (e.g., a Saturday). All present agreed that this might be preferable.

It was decided that an agenda will be prepared ahead of our next meeting (Feb. 11)

**Linda** will send a reminder and collect all Agenda Item ideas until 3 days ahead of our next meeting (Feb. 8).

**Incorporation Papers**

Mary noted that our papers should contain a copy of our bylaws (constitution) and copies of our AGM Minutes and Reports for the previous 7 years (to 2007)

**Eric** will check his records and forward minutes to Mary in hard copy.

Charles moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30.

**Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014**

 **Grackle Coffee**