Dufferin Marsh

Nature Connection

**Executive Meeting**

**Jan 15, 2015, 8:00 pm**

Present: Elizabeth Asselstine Regrets: Nadia O’Rouke

 Mary Asselstine Greg Mitchell

 Jen Bedford

 Charles Cooper

 Joe DeSouza

 Sheila Kelly

 Eric Leon

 Brenda See

**1:** The minutes for Nov. 4, 2014 were reviewed with no comment.

Moved: by Mary

Seconded: by Brenda

Approved.

**2:** The Annual General Meeting was reviewed. Two action items arose from that meeting.

Move that Mary relinquish her voting rights as a member-at-large and the vacant position be filled by Joe DeSouza.

Moved: Liz

Seconded: Brenda

Approved.

With the recent election Bill Cobber and Steve Pelligrini are honorary members of the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection.

**Action: Mary** will draft a letter to Bill and Steve for Charles’ signature.

**3:** Review A Main St Christmas Chestnuts

The chestnut sale was very successful. We sold out about 7:30. All thinks considered 55 lbs seems to be the right amount of chestnuts. May have to look for new supplier for next year as the Highway 9 Market has been sold.

**4:** Christmas Bird Count for Kids

There was no registration for the Christmas Bird Count for Kids. Mary expressed concern (again) about how to engage young people in the outdoors. She proposed a new program called “The Bird Feeder Trail”. This program would be website-based. Participants would register the location of their bird feeder. The website would have a map of feeder locations, a chat room, information on feeding birds and links to related outdoor activities. Mary suggested that this may be a good time to revamp the DMNC website and suggested the platform Weebly.

**Action: Mary, Jen and Joe** will Meet at Mary’s 1:00 pm Saturday to discuss.

**5:** Schomberg Community Skate - Saturday February 14, 2015, 3 to 6 pm

 Mary, Charles, Joe, Eric, Brenda and Sheila are avail able to help with the skate. We need to confirm if Jen, Nadia and Greg are available.

It was decided to make hot chocolate this year instead of buying it from Tim Hortons. The following tasks were assigned:

Mary fire pit (sand, paper, matches, water), fire permit, cups, napkins, membership stuff, email blast, poster

Liz hot chocolate, wood

Sheila carpet, benches

Charles insulated container and make chocolate, benches, camera

Eric coffee (Mary has carafes), news paper ad

Joe cinnamon hearts

Brenda hotdogs, buns, condiments, table

Full list of tasks will be confirmed at the Feb 10th meeting.

**Action: Mary** will send out email blast about clearing the snow.

**6:** Contact List for the Executive

Mary passed out a sheet to update the executive contact list.

**Action: Mary** will finalize list and circulate it to the executive.

**7:** Tribute to Roots

It was agree to forward $100 to an animal rescue in memory of Roots. Each executive member may contribute to the donation.

**Action: Brenda** will find out the best rescue centre to send the money to.

**8:** Tecumseth Pines Birding Club and DMCC

The Tecumseh Pine Birding Club emailed enquiring about meeting on a regular basis to socialize. The executive agreed that we would be interested in doing a birding event with them, after their club is renovated.

**Action: Nadia** will email the club to advise that we are interested in partnering on a birding event after their club house is renovated.

**9:** Social Media Involvement

A new website was discussed as part of item 4.

**Action: Mary** needs to learn Facebook. ;-)

**10:** Mary suggested that a Sub-committee is required toreview the constitution, draft a MOU (or maintenance plan) with King Township, and plan for grant applications.

**Action: Mary** agreed to look at the constitution and the MOU.

**Action: Mary, Joe, Charles** will meet to discuss grants after the community Skate

**11:** Tent Needs Repair

The tent is in some disrepair.

**Action: Eric** will look into a replacement.

**12:** DMC Safety Vests

**Action: Brenda** will check with Cheryl about making the vests.

**Action: Jen** will come up with ideas for a new logo to be used on the vest.

**13:** New Trillium Grant

See item 10.

**14: New Business**

* Anti-spam legislation

 **Action: Charles** will discuss in March

* The community groups meeting hosted by ASK will be held on Tuesday January 27 at 6:30

 **Action: Charles** will attend the Meeting.

* The next newsletter was postponed until thenew website and logo are completed
* The new signs for the Trisan lookout are completed and will be installed in the next few weeks.

Moved to Adjourn @ 9:45 pm

**Next meeting** February 10 – 8pm @ Grackle Coffee