**Dufferin Marsh Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Mar. 11, 2014**

**Present were:** Mary, Brenda, Sheila, Nadia, Greg, Linda, Eric

Regrets: Liz, Charles, Jen

The meeting was called to order by Mary at 8:10.

**Agenda items:**

It was agreed to move a New Business item ahead on the Agenda.

**Tecumseh Pines**

David Francis and David Jones were present from the Tecumseh Pines community. Mr. Francis outlined their successful application for a federal New Horizons grant for their community hall improvements - a new deck - and establishment of community programmes. They wish to partner with the DMC in a bird-watching programme for their residents.

Mary outlined some of our activities that might fit with their plans - Fair weekend Birdwalk, Trisan Lookout construction and completion, potential for seniors/children mentoring programme.

**Mary** moved to permit Nadia O’Rourke to become a DMC member-at-large and be responsible for liason with the Tecumseh Pines group. Seconded by Eric. Carried.

Nadia will report on progress of this project.

**1. Minutes of Feb. 11 meeting**

The minutes of our last meeting were reviewed.

**Eric** moved the minutes of feb. 11, 2014 be accepted. Seconded by Greg.

**2. Permaculture Workshop**

This has been postponed till May. It will be an all day event at the Schomberg Community Farm.

**3. Earth Hour Event**

New Eyes Old Skies will be making a brief presentation and bringing at least on telescope.

**Eric** will email the task list to all

**Eric** will arrange the ad for the paper.

**Mary** will advise the Fire Dept. regarding the bonfire.

**4. DMC “Mash” Agenda**

It was agreed to move this item to later in the agenda.

**5. Stewardship Community Awareness**

Mary and Brenda did a presentation at this event. It was not well attended by the public, but 8 - 10 other groups also gave presentations. The next event planned in the series is Growing in King, at the Schomberg Library, March 23, 2 p.m.

**6. Membership**

This topic will be discussed at the “Mash” session.

**7. Tent Repair**

**Eric** will arrange to have the tent repaired, when it is located.

**8. Wine Tasting**

The King City Beer Bash is planned for the same date we had originally chosen.

**Mary** will contact Sheena to ask about June 7 or 21, as alternate dates.

Eric has some wineries in mind to contact once we have a date.

**Nadia** will email Eric regarding a contact she has.

**9. Water Quality**

Deferred.

**10. Safety Vests**

**Brenda** will purchase a few of different sizes and leave these samples at The Grackle for members to try on, before the April meeting.

**All Members** can sign up for the size of their choice.

Eric suggested we might get baseball caps our touques.

Mary will investigate the baseball cap option.

**New Business**

**Trivia Night Fundraiser - Muddy Water Tavern - Apr. 9, 7:30**

Nadia informed us of this fundraiser for cystic fibrosis patient, Maddie Vanstone. Teams of a maximum of 10 can sign up for $100.

**Return to Regular Items**

**4. Preparations for DMC “Mash” - Mar. 30**

Mary outlined the details we needed to finalize for this day.

Venue: Trisan Centre Curling Lounge

**Mary** will determine if we need to have a Club member tend bar and if there is a cost for that.

Time: 10 - 11 was suggested to establish an agenda for the day.

11 - ? for beginning discussions

? - ? lunch

1?- 3? We should have an established endtime

Agenda: to be decided that day

Facilitator: Charles has volunteered but this would limit his involvement.

**Mary** will check with Susan Swail to see if she could help for a flat fee/honorarium.

Lunch: Should we have catered was discussed.

**Mary** will check with Amanda (Grackle) re: cost for soup, sandwiches, dessert, coffee, dishes.

Budget: 9 Exec members are able to attend. We could accommodate up to 15.

**Mary** will email the general membership for 6 interested parties who may wish to attend.

**Eric** moved that we allow a budget of $500 for the event costs. Seconded by Mary.

Agenda: - purpose of the retreat

* objectives we’ve met since inception
* structure of the group in future - sub-groups?
* review existing and new partnerships - formalize?
* nature of our events - community/envir. advocacy/nature club/sustainability - which takes precedence?
* appeal to community or not
* governance - employee? - agendas, copying
* membershipmarketing
* name change
* volunteerism and 25th anniversary year - connect these?

Recommendations from the day will come to the April meeting.

Mary moved to adjourn at 10:15. Seconded by Linda.

**DMC Brainstorming “Mash” Day**

**Sunday, March 30, 2014**

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**Next Regular Executive Meeting**

**Tues., Apr. 8, 8 p.m.**

**Grackle Coffee**